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- 42) [59129] Re: Restructuring
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- 43) [59130] Re: Hobby of Shame

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44) [59131] Re: Well guys... say bye bye to 13/20 wpm tests
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45) [59132] Re: the bright side of restructuring
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46) [59133] Lisence Change
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49) [59136] Re: the bright side of restructuring
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50) [59137] maybe you can explain it to me.....
by GElam30092@aol.com
51) [59138] Re: only a Tech-plus.....
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52) [59139] broke sw40
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53) [59140] Re: Fox Hunt mangy musher team member change
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54) [59141] Re: T-pads
by Bob Patten <n4bp@bc.seflin.org>
55) [59142] Club: Pizza Bash this Tuesday in the Fort
by "Jay Bromley" <w5jay@alltel.net>
56) [59143] Re: Restructuring
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60) [59147] License Restructuring
by Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
61) [59148] Re: NC20 mods, club kit
by Dave Fifield <fifield@pacbell.net>
62) [59149] Re: License Restructuring
by "Hal Schlotfeld" <kc0bdw@netzero.net>
63) [59150] Some sanity please!
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64) [59151] QRPers are Great People
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65) [59152] Restructuring: One easy request.
by "Tom Bowman" <tbowman@nbn.net>
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67) [59154] Check the date and time folks

by "Ian C. Purdie VK2TIP" <ianpurdie@integritynet.com.au>
68) [59155] Re: the bright side of restructuring
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69) [59156] Re: General class to advanced upgrade...why ?
by "Ian C. Purdie VK2TIP" <ianpurdie@integritynet.com.au>
70) [59157] NC-40A Mods?
by Ed Kessler <edkess@epix.net>
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74) [59161] Re: the bright side of restructuring
by "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
75) [59162] HAPPY NEW YEAR
by Fred Lesnick <flesnick@tbaytel.net>
76) [59163] Re: only a Tech-plus.....
by "Dan W. Dooley" <dandooley@pipeline.com>
77) [59164] Sold: Norcal Cascade & SLT unbuilt kits
by Trevor Smith <trevor@tstar.net>
78) [59165] FS:DSW20
by Ronald_A_Pfeiffer@res.raytheon.com
79) [59166] transmission line question..
by sergio <sruiz@bright.net>
80) [59167] Re: only a Tech-plus.....
by Michael Melland <badger@vbe.com>
81) [59168] Shack Cleaning
by "dave dabay" <kd3pc@mindspring.com>
82) [59169] Uping the speed
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83) [59170] Re: Y2K
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84) [59171] Re: License Restructuring
by "Dan W. Dooley" <dandooley@pipeline.com>
85) [59172] Jones key, SKN(Straight Key Night)
by tom whalen <wb5qyt@eFortress.com>
86) [59173] (groan) Restructuring
by "Jerry W. O'Dell" <jwodell@ameritech.net>
87) [59174] I hated CW at 5wpm... you will too!
by "Paul R. Valko" <prvalko@oakland.edu>
88) [59175] Re: Restructuring
by "Ron Polityka" <wb3aal@talon.net>
89) [59176] You're Missing the Point
by Bill Jones <kd7s@psnw.com>
90) [59177] Re: License Restructuring
by Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
91) [59178] Re: let's move on

by "Mark A. Andrews" <KE4IOF@HiWAAY.net>

92) [59179] More HBR-20 homebrew receiver notes
by "AI2Q Alex" <ai2q@ispchannel.com>

93) [59180] Re: Y2K
by david fouchey <dafouchey@home.com>

94) [59181] RE: More HBR-20 homebrew receiver notes
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95) [59182] Re: only a Tech-plus.....
by Jerry Flanders <jflanders2@home.com>

96) [59183] Cleaning shack
by Paul Erickson <paule@sfu.ca>

97) [59184] whine : hooray for the far thinking FCC
by "Walt Amos" <waltamos@surfree.com>

98) [59185] Re: the bright side of restructuring
by "Walt Amos" <waltamos@surfree.com>

99) [59186] Re: only a Tech-plus.....
by Bob Hightower <ki7mn@extremezone.com>

100) [59187] restructuring: no interest in CW
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101) [59188] Re: only a Tech-plus.....
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102) [59189] RE: only a Tech-plus.....
by "Dan W. Dooley" <dandooley@pipeline.com>

103) [59190] Re: Restructuring
by "Bill Allen" <bill@pcatexas.com>

104) [59191] Dumbing down of America
by "Ward Hill, N1IE" <w_hill@ns.net>

105) [59192] Re: FS:DSW20
by "Gail Perkins" <maggie98@email.msn.com>

106) [59193] Re: Jones key, SKN(Straight Key Night)
by "Steven Weber" <kd1jv@moose.ncia.net>

107) [59194] Help-Need Digest mode
by "Steve Hanson" <ke1lg@qsilver.net>

108) [59195] Butternut antenna question
by "Dan W. Dooley" <dandooley@pipeline.com>

109) [59196] antenna testing on 10m..
by sergio <sruiz@bright.net>

110) [59197] Re: Restructuring my thought
by Bob Nielsen <nielsen@primenet.com>

111) [59198] RE: the bright side of restructuring
by Curt Milton <wb8yyy@yahoo.com>

112) [59199] Hobby of Shame Response
by QRP <qrp@email.com>

113) [59200] Re: only a Tech-plus.....
by "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>

114) [59201] RE: Hobby of Shame
by "Kory Hamzeh" <kory@avatar.com>

115) [59202] Restructuring

by "Steven Weber" <kd1jv@moose.ncia.net>
116) [59203] CONTEST: QRP Calendar - Jan 2000
by Ken Newman <N2CQ@citnet.com>
117) [59204] Re: Restructuring
by James Skalski <jskalski@localnet.com>
118) [59205] Express yourself without profanity please!
by D Bullard <dbullard@negia.net>
119) [59206] Restructuring
by hattonte@gdls.com
120) [59207] SKN @ N7MFB
by "Bill Todd" <zapzap73@hotmail.com>
121) [59208] 2 Cents...
by "Ron Smith" <resmith666@uswest.net>
122) [59209] Re: the bright side of restructuring
by Mike <mmorrow@companet.net>
123) [59210] Re: License Restructuring
by Brian <brian@iquest.net>
124) [59211] Happiness is ...
by Ron Majewski <majewski@erim-int.com>
125) [59212] Re: the bright side of restructuring
by "J. Ervin Bates" <w8erv@email.msn.com>
126) [59213] Re: the bright side of restructuring
by "Anthony Hogue" <hogue@isni.net>
127) [59214] Re: the bright side of restructuring
by Mike <mmorrow@companet.net>
128) [59215] New Year ,
by "KC1DI-DOR" <ELBC@PIVOT.NET>
129) [59216] Re: Dumbing down of America
by "Ron Smith" <resmith666@uswest.net>
130) [59217] Re: Dumbing down of America
by "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
131) [59218] Re: the bright side of restructuring
by Nv4t@aol.com
132) [59219] Re: 2 Cents...[long]
by JFStrain@aol.com
133) [59220] Happy New Year
by "Glen Torr" <glentorr@ozemail.com.au>
134) [59221] AOL filter question
by AA3BP@aol.com
135) [59222] HB: Manhattan Style
by Wa3ptg@aol.com
136) [59223] The End of Incentive Licensing!
by wb2vuo@juno.com
137) [59224] RE: The End of Incentive Licensing!
by "Kory Hamzeh" <kory@avatar.com>
138) [59225] Use it or lose it !
by kc8aon@juno.com
139) [59226] Re: Express yourself without profanity please!

by Fred DeVries <fred.devries@mindspring.com>
140) [59227] Re: the bright side of restructuring
by "J. Ervin Bates" <w8erv@email.msn.com>
141) [59228] A thought for the new millinium (whenever it starts)
by "Robert Roach" <ke4qok@worldnet.att.net>
142) [59229] Happy Y2K
by Shephed@aol.com
143) [59230] Re: the bright side of restructuring
by Mike <mmorrow@companet.net>
144) [59231] Restructured Y2K Solar Report
by "Paul Harden, NA5N" <na5n@rt66.com>
145) [59232] Restructuring -- one odd thing
by Bruce Toback <btoback@optc.com>
146) [59233] 1st Y2K Contact
by "J. Ervin Bates" <w8erv@email.msn.com>
147) [59234] Re: Hobby of Shame Response
by Dick Carroll <dixie@townsqsr.com>
148) [59235] Re: Happiness is ...
by Joseph Trombino Jr <joebarb@wilmington.net>

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 18:59:55 EST
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To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [59088] Reality and Restructuring
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Gang,

In this discussion let us all remind ourselves of a few things.

1. Most importantly the cw bands will remain intact.
2. Everyone here once went through the stage where they could only copy 5 wpm.
3. Opening the HF cw bands to more people could very well promote more cw activity.
Hey, you find it both effective and challenging so will the newcomers.
4. Having been licensed since 1957 I can remember when folks purchased the ARRL license
manual and memorized the questions, answers, as well as the schematics you were requir-

ed to produce on the exams. I think today's written exams test more areas of knowledge than the exams of yesteryear did. (Don't believe me -- go look at the old exams)

5. The basic rule of history is that things change.

Enough said.

Steve K8IDN

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 19:09:12 -0500
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Cc: "Mike Czuhajewski" <wa8mcq@erols.com>
Subject: [59089] Re: T-pads
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I remember seeing tables for T pads in some publication I have at home (ARRL?), but not sure which it was. But here's a better way to find the values, since tables are limited in options. This freebie program lets you specify not only the attenuation but also the input and output impedance (which can be different, so you can match between two different impedances such as 50 to 75 ohms), does it for both T and pi attenuators, and gives precise values as well as standard 1%, 5% and 10% resistor values. And for the standard resistance values, it also gives the actual vs theoretical attenuation and impedance.

The program is RF Tools, freeware from Teledyne, a company that may no longer exist. I stumbled across it in 1992 when I joined my current company. Although it's copyrighted 1987, the program not only allows free distribution, it encourages spreading it around in so many words. It contains several other little utilities in addition to the attenuator calculation, some of which may not be of use to the average ham, but this one alone is more than worth the price of admission. It runs from a DOS window, so just about any old computer will do.

I uploaded it to the qrp-1 area at lehigh.edu years ago, and I checked to make sure it's still there. (For some reason the directory says 1997 for the "last modified" date, but I know it was originally uploaded considerably earlier.) You can get it via FTP from

ftp.lehigh.edu, listserv, qrp-l, tools, and the file name is rftools.zip. It's a little under 100K.

I've never used the Hamcalc program that's been around for years, so can't make any comparisons, and don't even know if that one does attenuators at all. (It's also available in the same ftp directory.) But RF Tools contains a nice little utility for it, and does it well. The only "drawback" is that it does not give the percentage of power which is dissipated in each resistor for various values of attenuation, information which is handy if you're going to make power attenuators. That's information I calculated myself long ago, for pi attenuators, and ran in my Idea Exchange column in the QRP Quarterly a few years back.

Fifteen minutes later: I just downloaded Hamcalc for the first time in my life, found that it also contains a similar utility for attenuators, and it does just about "all of the above," including the calculation of powers, which RF Tools does not. On the other hand, RF Tools gives 3 different sets of resistor values, depending on tolerance, in addition to the exact values, while Hamcalc only seems to give the exact and 5% values. Download whichever suits your fancy and your needs, preferably both. And although I haven't tried any of them aside from the attenuator routine, Hamcalc has a gazillion utilities!

BTW, Hamcalc runs under GWBASIC, which is included in the file. The file name is hcal-30.zip, 735 K bytes, and unzips to 1.24 megabytes.

73 and queue our pea DE WA8MCQ

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 18:46:31 -0500
From: Nils R Young <nilsbull@juno.com>
To: QRP-L@lehigh.edu
Subject: [59090] Pre-SKN & Pre-DED Operations
Message-ID: <19991230.185055.-225293.5.nilsbull@juno.com>
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Fellow vertebrates,

I have not ventured the idea of taking the radio to Cindy's brother's house under the dominion of the covenants of Dublin, but I've thought about some ways to sneak the attack.

First, I get a cheap mag mount & take the mobile antennas. Plug the radio

into the "accessory" hole (what used to be called the "cigarette lighter" hole), mag the antenna to the roof of Cindy's Mary Kay Car & hold forth. Or, I slide the entire deal into the trunk before she gets the other stuff loaded & then manage the entire placement of stuffs so that no one notices (yeah, right) that I've crammed the radio box & accouterments there.

Or, get there & hang some wire from the tree that's part of the EPA easement (gotta keep them squirrel feeders happy), all done after dark.

Of course, everything's gonna be after dark by then, seein' as how the lights are gonna go out & the streets will undulate madly in a strange limbo burlesque while the poles shift, the aliens invade & the mexicans finally get paid for all the work they do to keep us gringos in cheap shirts & decent brake pads.

I figure I'll have about two hours of charge on my batteries by then & should be otter able to communicatate with whoever ain't hunkered down in Miamisburg. That's not in Utah, by the way, which I understand now is only three degrees off the cosmic main beam to the astral projection home office. The real wackos are in . . . are you ready for this? . . . in London! Yeah, them and that singer with the big lips.

So, I'll be on the air at some time during the grand finale of all life in the vegetable section.

Have a nice Pre-DED (Dystopian Entropy Day), y'all! Remember to charge up your flux capacitors & fine tune the interphasic polycarbonate resonating weed-whacker moon beam thingie. And hide under a plexiglas pyramid . . . or one of those Reich collecting doodads.

73

Nils

. . . should I use the old Soviet key or the Canadian WW II key or the British WW II key or the little tank key? As if it's gonna make a big difference, what with all those Elvis's back from the Fifth Dimension, which was a pretty good bar right outside the east gate in Ramey around 1969. . . even with all the drunk sailors . . .

Nils R. Bull Young -- El Gringo Errante -- La Estancia de los Guajolotes Sonrientes

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"In my day you had to FIGHT to have oligarchs! Every day was a STRUGGLE!

-- Comrade Sergei Nikolaevich McTovarishov --

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May how Y'all once meaux:

well I done gone and committ myself... with the blessings of my wife, I might add...

Gonna get one of those K2 radios and smoke it together my self and my wife two....

It's been long time since I smoked solder the right way yea! and I an't never ever wound no toroid... I can catch u a 'gator or put u up a wire ant with my fishin pole... but I an't never built nuttin this big before... as I done said I send in the order for the k2 tomorrow and I be expecting in mid january I guess...

For them of u dat prey... u can prey for me or the k2 or both cause some devine intrevention gonna be needed for sheaux....

maybe I can invent some crazy glue that conducts!!!

Joel KE1LA

In Maine

gonna build it hisself and his wife

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 18:37:38 EST
From: kc8aon@juno.com
To: WB9MII@aol.com, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [59092] Re: SWR Querry...any ideas as to why ?
Message-ID: <19991230.192423.4575.1.kc8aon@juno.com>

Greg,

You failed to mention what you are feeding your verticle with, but if you are using some sort of balanced feedline and connecting it to a "balun" in the tuner, then I would suspect that you have some slight heating in the balun causing the rise in swr. But anyway, I really wouldn't worry about a .2 rise in swr, even at QRP power levels it's not gonna effect you enough that anyone on the other end will notice a

difference in your signal. But one suggestion that might help you out, instead of one 33' "fake ground" as you call it, put one 1/4 wave "fake ground" for each band that you operate. This way, your antenna will probably tune easier, and will have a much better ground to work against.

To make a neater looking "fake ground", use multi conductor rotator cable, connect all wires together on one end and connect this end to the ground lug on your tuner, then cut each wire to 1/4 wavelength for the bands that you operate - ie: one wire cut to 33' for 40M, one cut to 17' for 20M, one cut 8.5' for 10M etc etc. Another thing to try, would be to connect the ground on your tuner to a cold water pipe (that is if the pipe is metal pipe !) with as short a wire as possible.

Hope this helps & Gud luck !

72.....Rick kc8aon <><

On Thu, 30 Dec 1999 00:19:27 EST WB9MII@aol.com writes:

>Hello and happy holidays folks,
>Once again looking to the sharp people that inhabit QRP-L I'm
>wondering if
>anyone has had this happen. I run (as a lot of you guys know) an
>indoor
>vertical hanging on the wall...(condo dweller) ...from my tuner I have
>a 33
>ft "fake ground" wire from the ground terminal and running along the
>floorboard and into the next room. The thing that is happening
>is....I tweak
>the tuner for 1.1 SWR and get it. Start CQ'ing or working someone or
>whatever. Then sometimes by itself the SWR will rise to 1.3 or so.
>Not the
>end of the world..but once I have it flat and don't mess with ATU
>settings
>it oughta stay 1.1. Wierd...has anyone had this happen, or know of a
>fix ?
>Once again thanks for the experience and help.
>72
>Greg WB9MII
>QRP ARCI 9719
>Fists 3347

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To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [59093] FCC Issued New License Class Rulemaking!!]
Message-ID: <19991230.192423.4575.2.kc8aon@juno.com>

5 WPM for extra!

>This was posted on another remailer today
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>>The FCC issued the notice of the changes to Part 97 this morning. I
cut out
>>the section below from the 71 pages of legalese, but it covers the
important
>>part. The entire document is available at:
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>>
>>http://www.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/1999/db991230/fcc99412.txt
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>>
>>and will soon be at :
>>
>> <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/amateur>
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>>There should also be something on the ARRL web site sometime today.
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>>The rules go into effect April 15, 2000.

>>10. Section 97.501 is amended by revising the introductory text and
>>paragraphs (a), (b), and (c)
>>to read as follows:
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>> 97.501 Qualifying for an amateur operator license.
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>> Each applicant must pass an examination for a new amateur
operator
>>license grant and for each
>>change in operator class. Each applicant for the class of operator
license
>>grant specified below must pass,

>>or otherwise receive examination credit for, the following examination
>>elements:

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>> (a) Amateur Extra Class operator: Elements 1, 2, 3, and 4;

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>> (b) General Class operator: Elements 1, 2, and 3;

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>> (c) Technician Class operator: Element 2.

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>>11. Section 97.503 is amended by removing paragraph (c) and revising
>>paragraphs (a) and (b) to read as follows:

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>> 97.503 Element standards.

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>> (a) ***

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>> Element 1: 5 words per minute

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>> (b) ***

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>> (1) Element 2: 35 questions concerning the privileges of a
>>Technician Class operator license. The minimum passing score is 26
>>questions answered correctly.

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>> (2) Element 3: 35 questions concerning the privileges of a
General
>>Class operator license.

>>The minimum passing score is 26 questions answered correctly.

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>> (3) Element 4: 50 questions concerning the privileges of an
>>Amateur Extra Class operator license. The minimum passing score is 37
>>questions answered correctly.

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----- End forwarded message -----

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Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 18:34:23 -0600
From: "Ed Manuel (N5EM)" <n5em@flash.net>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [59094] Restructuring
Message-ID: <4.1.19991230183256.00a21a70@pop.flash.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Hot dog. Time to see if I know how to build one of them thar email filters.

Now, if you good folks would just make sure you spell "restructuring" the same way I filtered it, I'd appreciate it.

Ed, N5EM

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 18:41:00 -0600
From: k5zty@juno.com
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [59095] License Restructuring
Message-ID: <19991230.184115.-6499.5.k5zty@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

The dumbing down of America goes on. Yeacomwood will be dropping the CW mode from their HF rigs within a year.

Bill , K5ZTY
Houston,TX

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 20:01:17 -0500
From: "Brian K. Miller" <millerbk@lancnews.infi.net>
To: unlisted-recipients;; (no To-header on input)
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59096] Greetings QRP
Message-ID: <386C005D.76B42E4B@lancnews.infi.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Greetings1,

I'm a new list member and want to take this opportunity to say HI to everyone.

I've been a Ham since '65, but been inactive the last few years. CW was and still is my first love. Guess the "Restructuring" will make this an interesting time for me to re-enter the hobby.

Sorry to boor the list with the following questions as they have probably been discussed a million times already, but... I currently don't have any equipment and have limited funds (my XYL says that I already have too many hobbies) so I've been thinking of getting a little QRP Xcvr (kit or otherwise). However, I'm a little unsure which rig provides the best value and performance. Maybe someone can help. Also, what's the opinion on the best all around band for QRP, considering that most of my available operating time will be in the evenings?

BTW- I work for the former RCA company (now Thomson MultiMedia) and we have recently formed an Amateur Radio Club at our plant in Lancaster, PA, with the club call of W3RCA. We should have antennas up for 20/15/10 soon, so please listen and give us a call.

Happy 2000

Best Regards,

Brian K3ZEN, Lancaster, PA

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 20:02:15 EST
From: AC6JA@aol.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [59097] Wilderness Radio SIERRA for Sale \$350.00!
Message-ID: <0.cef53551.259d5a97@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

i have for sale a Wilderness Radio Sierra with KC2 and KC2 front panel and 6 band modules. the radio is in excellent condition and beautifully built by ME. i have the 80, 40, 30, and 20m band modules built, and 17 and 15m modules unbuilt and still in original bags. also included is the noise blanker built but not installed. rig works great in transmit and receive on all bands.

am asking \$350.00 for all of the above with shipping included.

let me know if interested.

thanks!

mike ac6ja

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 20:03:11 EST
From: AC6JA@aol.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [59098] Wilderness Radio SIERRA for Sale \$350.00!
Message-ID: <0.4e3ce4e2.259d5acf@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

i have for sale a Wilderness Radio Sierra with KC2 and KC2 front panel and 6 band modules. the radio is in excellent condition and beautifully built by ME. i have the 80, 40, 30, and 20m band modules built, and 17 and 15m modules unbuilt and still in original bags. also included is the noise blanker built but not installed. rig works great in transmit and receive on all bands.

am asking \$350.00 for all of the above with shipping included.

let me know if interested.

thanks!

mike ac6ja
(650) 573-7720

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 20:20:05 -0500
From: "J. Ervin Bates" <w8erv@email.msn.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59099] Re: Restructuring
Message-ID: <017701bf532d\$2bbfff60\$5027113f@win98>

Some selected comments for your perusal:

"I was amazed and bitterly disappointed."

"....to hell with the ARRL"

"I'll get out the theory books, and the key, and pass the Extra Class, or whatever else is required. Amateur Radio has been ruined by commercial interests; and by those who memorize the License Manual, and never progress beyond that point. I like to think the hobby was given to an early group of inquisitive radio amateurs so that they might more fully develop the art of wireless communication."

"This nation has been paying homage to mediocrity and has spawned a 'something-for-nothing' philosophy.
...I do not like to see my hobby placed in such a category. Improvement should be the catalyst of the hobby..."

"Advanced technical proficiency is more a matter of 'desire' than license."

Does any of this sound familiar? In 1963, Incentive Licensing was in its youth and the battle lines were drawn. Funny, after reviewing these comments, just how similar they are to what I have already seen today. Just a bit more food for thought and to remind myself that NO, this is NOT the end of the hobby.....just a new wrinkle in the fabric.

72/73,
Erv W8ERV

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 18:25:02 -0700
From: "Rod Cerkoney" <rwc@frii.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59100] Restructuring my thought
Message-ID: <017101bf532d\$f684df40\$6757aecf@compaq>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I am disappointed to see the code requirement lowered.

I'm proud that I got my Extra by demonstrating proficiency at 20wpm.

But let's face it, the times they are a changin'. Let us not bicker about the goodness or badness of change. Bickering is likely to alienate those who are considering joining the Amateur Radio ranks.

More than likely, if we offer a open cordial attitude, many more will enter the ranks, many will discover the "joy of CW". Let's help them do that. Not drive them away with angry/disparaging dialogue.

72/3 Rod, NØRC -- Fort Collins, CO

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 18:31:43 -0600

From: Ray Colbert <af852@rgfn.epcc.edu>
To: k5oi@zianet.com
Subject: [59101] Re: let's move on
Message-ID: <386BF96F.21B55090@rgfn.epcc.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Thanks for your comments, Tim and I echo your sentiments.
I think, from what I have seen in various overseas situations,
that we are falling more in line with the rest of the world.
As you said, those with the interest will continue to operate
and become proficient in cw. I have seen many times as a VE
those that have come in just for the Technician exam and be back
on subsequent exam times to upgrade their tickets, and as I did
when I got my tickets years ago, view their accomplishment with
great pride. That quest for the golden ring and things new
will not go away.

73
Ray

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"The more I see of the representatives of the people,
the more I admire my dogs."
letter from Count d'Orsay to John Foster 1850

Ray Colbert, W5XE, 00TC 3618, SOWP 1064M NARTE-NCT2
(also w5xe@juno.com El Paso, (FAR WEST) TEXAS

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 19:32:10 -0600
From: Allen Blacker <ablacker@mediaone.net>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [59102] Quick Draw Puzzler
Message-ID: <386C079A.3F487958@mediaone.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

OK, who's the quickest puzzle solver reading the qrp-1 mail?

Here's the puzzle:

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What is it?

The reward for being first is to know that you were first!

73, de W9ALB

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 20:43:00 -0500
From: Dwayne Rich <emergmed@netzero.net>
To: unlisted-recipients;; (no To-header on input)
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59103] Re: Restructuring my thought
Message-ID: <386C0A23.ABEA84D2@netzero.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

> I too am disappointed to see the code requirment changed. I had hoped
> to get my Extra with the 20wpm requirment. Now when I do pass my extra
> test I will be lumped into the category of those that got it without
> really earning it. It is sad to see the dumbing of america. Nobody
> wants to earn anything anymore. Just give it to me, I am an american
> and it's my right, is a sad attitude.
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> Dwayne
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Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 19:44:30 -0600
From: Trevor Smith <trevor@tstar.net>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [59104] FS Unbuilt Norcal Cascade & St.Louis Tuner
Message-ID: <386C0A7E.233B20A2@tstar.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

My K2 made me do this....8^)

For Sale:

Norcal Cascade kit unopened/unbuilt \$150+\$5 ship UPS.

Norcal St.Louis Tuner kit unopened/unbuilt \$80 inc. ship lower 48.

These are the same prices I paid when I purchased them. So if you missed the original Norcal offering and are desperate to own one here they are.

HNY to all.

72 Trevor AB5EU G3WQO

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 20:36:20 -0500
From: "Russ Hines" <radioruss@fuse.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59105] So, what's changed?
Message-ID: <199912310141.UAA01745@aztec.fuse.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Here's my perspective, with a short story.

Just before Christmas, I received a Christmas card from a younger friend of mine, a no-code Tech. Or, at least he was. This past summer, while in medical school, he upgraded to Extra.

"WHAT!?! Can't be true," I said. I checked his call on the QRZ! database. Sure enough, he's been an Extra since September.

To say that I was upset, would be like saying the Atlantic Ocean is just a small puddle. I was really, REALLY upset, but not at my friend. I was upset and ashamed of myself for not upgrading. After all, I've had dozens of opportunities to do so over the years. I've been a Tech for over 20

years, happy as a clam on VHF/UHF (weak sig stuff, not just FM, mind you), occasionally dropping down to the Novice subbands on HF to keep my code skills from completely rusting away. How complacent I had become. But to be outdone like this, by a young man I helped Elmer... well, now it's just embarrassing.

So, fueled by his success and my own lack of it, this week I ordered and had shipped overnight from the ARRL, the Advance class license manual and all the code CD's through 15 WPM. As Buzz Lightyear might say, "to Advance class and beyond!"

Then today, Uncle Charlie dropped "The Big One." License restructuring becomes real.

Here's how I'm taking this news. I had already decided to upgrade to at least Advance class, so nothing has changed for me. I'll just do it before April 15, 2000.

Sure, I could sit back and wait and wake up April 15th as a General. But after my experience with my now-Extra friend, I just don't think I could stand the further embarrassment of being just a 5 WPM General, or Extra for that matter.

So, I'm going for as much as I can before April, under the "old" rules, if they let me. I just hope it's not too late.

73,
Russ
WB8ZCC

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 19:45:44 -0600
From: markmilburn <markmilburn@netzero.net>
To: ptay1@miro.bestweb.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59106] Re: restructuring
Message-ID: <386C0AC8.9C1D0CB@netzero.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I wonder who is being quoted that "the amateur service is no longer an emergency service....." Certainly nobody that I know about. Last year the feds asked our local help in conducting emergency training for a simulated disaster at our airport. We didn't ask them, they asked us. For Y2K, our local group has been asked to man communications posts in the State Emergency Communications Office. We will be operating on 80

meters and 40 meters as well as 2 meter voice and 2 meter packet, and will be an integral part of statewide communications for the State of Iowa. We didn't ask them, they asked us.

QST is regularly full of disasters of one kind and another where the hams are called on to fill in the gaps of communications, and sometimes a lot more. In our floods of 1993 we were riding Red Cross vehicles into the flood areas to help feed people out of their homes, to provide communications to the various shelters, even to help out the Salvation Army after their cell phones failed to do the job they had anticipated. I spent one night at the main Fire Station when their emergency generators failed and the waters were cutting off the downtown area from the rest of the city. When our city water plant was overwhelmed by the water and repairs had to be made to the pumping stations, one of our guys was helicoptered in with the repair crew so they would have communication with the outside world as they built a temporary dam around the pumps and ordered necessary supplies and parts for the ruined equipment.

You may be right about the eventual demise of some ham bands, but it's not because anyone believes that we aren't a valuable emergency service. If your local people think you aren't a valuable emergency resource, maybe it's because you aren't. The folks around here not only think we are, they have reason to know it.

72 Mark KQ0I
Des Moines, Iowa

paul taylor wrote:

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> amateur service is no longer an emergency service and as such is not
> entitle to keep its vhf frequencies. Broadcasters will eventually swallow
> up everything below 15 meters.
> Hobby hams can be hobbyists on 15m to 30m. whoopie skipie

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Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 20:53:21 -0500 (EST)
From: QRP <qrp@email.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [59107] Hobby of Shame
Message-ID: <383444035.946605201653.JavaMail.root@web12.mail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Why have any requirements for ham licenses at all? Let's just eliminate testing altogether so we can sell more radios, subscriptions, and memberships. It's been ten years since anyone thought of sporting their license on a resume or list of life achievements. Come April 15th your license will mean even less...

WBOJNR
Roger J. Wendell
Aurora, Colorado

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Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 21:18:09 -0500
From: Pete Burbank <plburbank@kih.net>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59108] Destruction
Message-ID: <3.0.32.19991230211804.00713f44@kih.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Gang,
This discussion about the "DUH" ham license structure is going to go on for months on every ham reflector. Those of us who drove 200 miles round trip to take the Extra test from the FCC could sign our calls /OF.
The timing for the announcement is also interesting.
For some reason I keep thinking about the Jay Leno show where he ventures out on the streets and interviews idiots who don't know how many planets there are or where Europe is.
Pogo called it "The Gummit".....I better shut up and go wind a toroid...that is soothing to the brain.
73 Pete NV4V

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 18:22:34 -0800 (PST)
From: Tom Popovic <ki3r@yahoo.com>
To: ptay1@miro.bestweb.net, Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59109] Re: restructuring

Message-ID: <19991231022234.19384.qmail@web216.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

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> up everything below 15 meters.
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Paul ... what the hell are you talking about ... or
better yet ... where can I get some of that stuff you
are smoking ????? 73 Happy 2000 Tom Popovic KI3R

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The common good was the claim and justification of every
tyranny ever established over men. Every major horror of
history was committed in the name of altruistic motive...
Actors change, but the course of the tragedy remains the
same. Ayn Rand 1943

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Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 21:23:46 -0500
From: "Ron Polityka" <wb3aal@talon.net>
To: ". QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59110] Re: Restructuring my thought
Message-ID: <004c01bf5336\$11c49ae0\$90e508cf@wb3aal>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

----- Original Message -----
From: Dwayne Rich <emergmed@netzero.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 30, 1999 8:43 PM

Subject: Re: Restructuring my thought

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> to get my Extra with the 20wpm requirement. Now when I do pass my extra
> test I will be lumped into the category of those that got it without
> really earning it. It is sad to see the dumbing of America. Nobody
> wants to earn anything anymore. Just give it to me, I am an American
> and it's my right, is a sad attitude.
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> Dwayne

Well I am very disappointed in the rule changes. I agree with Dwayne,
I got my Extra the hard way with 20 WPM Code. I passed on my first
try and the guys were impressed with the 100% copy. So I am not
going to slow down, I am going to keep running at 20 WPM +.

72 & 73
Good DXing

Ron Polityka
de WB3AAL
wb3aal@talon.net

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KL7 QRP # 309	G-QRP # 3031
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Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 20:33:57 -0600
From: Goemans <jgoemans@facstaff.wisc.edu>
To: ablacker@mediaone.net
Cc: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59111] Re: Quick Draw Puzzler
Message-ID: <3.0.2.32.19991230203357.006b6478@facstaff.wisc.edu>

Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 07:32 PM 12/30/99 -0600, Allen Blacker wrote:

>OK, who's the quickest puzzle solver reading the qrp-l mail?

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>Here's the puzzle:

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>What is it?

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>The reward for being first is to know that you were first!

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>73, de W9ALB

Ha ha but why did you start with "Z" ?

Oh well, guess I will soon have to call myself an "old" extra...

And keep my "old" Yaecomwood IC756 with CW !!!!!!!

72, Paul

Paul Goemans WA9PWP
1508 Sundt Lane Stoughton, Wi 53589

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 21:32:35 EST
From: NM5Mike@aol.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu (Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion)
Subject: [59112] Food for thought....
Message-ID: <0.bb0e60c0.259d6fc3@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

If you think the current licensing structure created a better class of operator, I invite you to visit 3.853 MHz any evening....

What will provide proficient operators is better Elmering offered by those with a passion for the hobby to those that have recently been licensed. Don't continually complain and whine about what the FCC has done, get on the air with a newly licensed ham, melt some solder with him (her), and demonstrate the joy of radio!

Happy new year and no bad vibes!

Eric

NM5M

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 21:39:05 EST
From: KG4CRU@aol.com
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [59113] Mw Contest. Total Enjoyment, thanks!
Message-ID: <0.6b6d362.259d7149@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Well Folks,

my thanks to all stations worked in the QRP MW contest both as W4LOW/C at Paul's (AA4XX) on Sunday and as KG4CRU for a short time on Monday and Tuesday operating 500Mw 40m, to an 80m inverted Vee slung over my house roof! Notable personal achievements being N4ROA Va Dan 10Mw, VE3FIT On, Ken (300Mw), K0EVZ/C Nd DOC 900Mw, NQ5RP/C AR JIM 200Mw.

What a total pleasure!

72 de Dick KG4CRU

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 20:42:44 -0600
From: Allen Blacker <ablacker@mediaone.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59114] Puzzler
Message-ID: <386C1823.6D0E8E18@mediaone.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

OK. Obviously respondents can decode faster than five wpm; but I was hoping you'd go a bit further --

ZABCDEFGHIJ = decoded Morse

What is it?

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNPOQRSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNPOQRSTUVWXYZ

Note: ZABCDEFGHIJ

is between Y and K --

ZABCDEFGHIJ IS Y to K (Y2K).

No groaning please.

Happy Y2K,

de W9ALB

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 18:48:17 -0800 (PST)
From: Tom Popovic <ki3r@yahoo.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.edu
Subject: [59115] 38 Special ...last built of millenium ???
Message-ID: <19991231024817.9888.qmail@web208.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Hello all

Who says procrastination does not warrant reward? I just finished my 38 Special and it worksmods and all. There are 3.5 clean watts out, RIT and keyer. It hears what my 940 hears if that is any comparison. I do have one "problem". The frequency coverage is from 10.113 to 10.130. I would like to have it moved down about 5 to 10 kcs. Have any of you corrected the coverage and if so what value of L-1 did you use. I really don't want to add to the present inductor. God Bless all and the best for 2000. 73 Tom Popovic
KI3R Port Vue, Pa.

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Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 19:55:24 -0700
From: "Roger Hightower" <n7kt@earthlink.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59116] Re: Restructuring
Message-ID: <4119991253125524890@earthlink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII

I don't care. I'm an extra already. If _anyone_ passes a code test, I'll answer his/her
CQ on the band.

The CW requirement is the important part. If the no-code Technicians pass the 5 wpm, then
I'll say welcome to HF. No biggie.

--- Roger Hightower, N7KT K2 SN# 591
--- n7kt@earthlink.net
--- Mesa, AZ 85202 DM43.cj

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 02:05:45 +0000
From: Larry Cahoon <wd3p@juno.com>
To: n4bp@bc.seflin.org, qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [59117] Re: mWatt contest
Message-ID: <19991231.025745.3878.1.wd3p@juno.com>

On Thu, 30 Dec 1999 01:32:50 -0500 (EST) Bob Patten <n4bp@bc.seflin.org>

writes:

>Nope Larry, I was running 100mw (sent W1 as suggested in the rules).

>Interesting that two stations so far reported logging me as 1W. I

That what I have in the log -W1- I just couldn't figure it out, must have taken too much energy. I know when I read the rules it confused me, I'm just used to sending xxx mW in the spartan sprints I guess.

73 de Larry.....WD3P

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Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 19:16:10 -0800

From: "Bob Tellefsen" <n6wg@earthlink.net>

To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [59118] Re: SWR Query...any ideas as to why ?

Message-ID: <01bf533d\$62f35d50\$62d3fc9e@ham.earthlink.net>

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Greg

One thing to consider is what might be inside your walls. There is house wiring, phone wires, plumbing, etc.

I imagine that people turning ac devices on or off could alter the impedance of your antenna to some degree, depending on how much coupling there is between your indoor antenna and the house wiring.

73, Bob N6WG

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 21:17:25 -0600

From: Allen Blacker <ablacker@mediaone.net>

To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [59119] Restructuring

Message-ID: <386C2045.83877681@mediaone.net>

MIME-Version: 1.0

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Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hey, I hear, coincidentally, that Ivy League Colleges have lowered their SAT and ACT, etc. entry requirements from 700 to anything above 6. All you need now is twenty thousand dollars a year and you too can be an Ivy League college graduate.

Maybe you've heard too, that you can be a high school graduate, after April, 2000, as long as you can spell kat.

de W9ALB (this is low key for me, if not low power)

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 22:28:10 EST
From: Drbob92031@aol.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [59120] the bright side of restructuring
Message-ID: <0.7006affe.259d7cca@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi to all;
I know that at first blush this removal of any incentive to improve ones ability and knowledge of CW seems like a low blow. But looking at it from the practical stance....There will be a heck of a lot less operators using CW. This means to me that SSB will perhaps become like CB but the lower band segments for CW will be a pleasure. Perhaps the expression of "QRM" will go the way of the higher code speed tests
Gone...phased out.
There must be a lot of rich kids out there because the cost of a store bought rig is very high. Perhaps there will be a resurgence of home brewing. Ah to dream...

72/73....de Bob.. WA2EAW

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 20:35:45 -0700
From: Pat Byers <pbyers@rttinc.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59121] HB: Popcorn transceiver
Message-ID: <4.2.2.19991230202815.00a3d950@127.0.0.1>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Hello all,

For those of you who want a break from the restructuring/destructuring debate, why don't you mosey on over to <http://www.qrp.pops.net/popsuphet.htm> for some fine photos of Marty's (KK4RF) version of the 40m popcorn superhet that he built from the information the Web site of Todd VE7BP0.

For those of you who haven't yet discovered it, the home page for this fine site is at <http://www.qrp.pops.net/> It's a great place to go if you're building a 2N2/40 or any other HB ugly construction rigs.

73,

Pat Byers, VE6AAN
Lacombe, AB

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 20:40:47 -0700
From: "Rod Cerkoney" <rwc@frii.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59122] RFI: NC20 mods, club kit
Message-ID: <[005a01bf5342\\$ad58fb20\\$4e8611d8@compaq](mailto:005a01bf5342$ad58fb20$4e8611d8@compaq)>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
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Folks:

I going to complete a NorCal 20 (Club Kit) for another Ham. He has left the decision about which mod's to perform up to me. Here is my proposed list of mod's:

- o Reduce T4 from 10 to 6 Windings.
- o Change R80 from 22 Ohms to 10-15ohms, probably 15 ohms.
- o 2.5mm power plug and cord set.
- o 10turn tuning pot.
- o AGC Mod
- o Power switch mounted on rear panel.

These are mod's I made to my NC20, and they have added to my enjoyment

of the rig. Are there other mod's I've overlooked that should be considered? I've seen the AGC voltage drift mod, but it never seemed a problem for me. And, I've heard of a mod for the AFA XTAL but can't find any details on it.

72/3 Rod, NØRC -- Fort Collins, CO

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 22:01:36 -0600
From: "Kevin Muenzler WB5RUE" <wb5rue@stic.net>
To: <Drbob92031@aol.com>, "'Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion'" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59123] RE: the bright side of restructuring
Message-ID: <000701bf5343\$bc72af10\$c53ec6d8@wb5rue>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
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Or lots more unqualified CW operators "trying their water wings" and really messing things up.

73/

Kevin, WB5RUE

real extra, one minute solid copy and everything!

> -----Original Message-----
> From: owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
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Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 09:00:30 -0700
From: Roy <marion@montana.com>
To: NM5Mike@aol.com, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59124] Re: Food for thought....
Message-ID: <199912310356.UAA05935@mail.montana.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 09:32 PM 12/30/99 -0500, NM5Mike@aol.com wrote:

>
>If you think the current licensing structure created a better class of
>operator, I invite you to visit 3.853 MHz any evening....

>
>
>Eric

>
And just when renewed enforcement was making some headway on these problems, they open the floodgates to all the "good buddies" who will overwhelm all hope of enforcement. And what makes you think they won't be SSBing on the CW portions? We are far from safe just because we are on CW. Code will now be a learn it and forget it requirement. Our numbers on the CW portions will dwindle and we will be pushed aside and no one but us will care. The improvement of anything is greater skill and requirements, not accommodating Zippy the chimp. If the patient has a couple of blemishes, killing him is not the answer. Roy AB7CE

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 22:09:43 -0600
From: Allen Blacker <ablacker@mediaone.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59125] Restructuring
Message-ID: <386C2C87.7C4DA9D@mediaone.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Furthermore -

In Illinois, after April 15th, I hear that you no longer have to know how to make a left hand turn to get your driver's license -- after all, if you make enough right hand turns you'll get there anyway.

I hear that the FAA will soon grant private pilot's licenses to those who can take off. Landing skills are no longer necessary.

Effective January 1, MD's are only required to understand illnesses of the upper body to gain their license to practice. The lower body isn't that important anyway.

Lawyers. Well. Well, I hear that come April, they need to know even less to practice law. I never did understand why they should be paid to practice. Shouldn't they be finished practicing before they ask people to pay them? But . . . that's another issue.

de W9ALB

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 21:59:39 EST
From: kc8aon@juno.com
To: k5zty@juno.com, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [59126] Re: License Restructuring
Message-ID: <19991230.231029.4575.6.kc8aon@juno.com>

Take CW off of thems radio's ? Then whut wud be left ? Whut I cin't figger out is, whut does one want wid one of them ther mikerphones plugged into thems radidio fer ? Ifen I's wanted to hears someone a blabbin, den I'd pick up ole ma bell un turn de crank ! Heck far inywaze, I'z cin holler ferther than dem ther fancy ssb things ! Well, I'z gotta git, dat women dat sleeps in ma bed sez grub iz on de slab so I'z gonna git me sum ! Ya'll haves ya's a gud Year 2 Kome an doant sip to much cider & shine, cuz it'll make yer head spin !

Nuf Sed.....Ya'll take care
Rick.....KC8AON

On Thu, 30 Dec 1999 18:41:00 -0600 k5zty@juno.com writes:

>
>The dumbing down of America goes on. Yeacomwood will be dropping the
>CW mode from their HF rigs within a year.
>
>Bill , K5ZTY
>Houston,TX

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 09:13:12 -0700

From: Roy <marion@montana.com>
To: SABorns@aol.com, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59127] Re: Reality and Restructuring
Message-ID: <199912310409.VAA28482@mail.montana.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 06:59 PM 12/30/99 -0500, SABorns@aol.com wrote:

>Gang,
>
>In this discussion let us all remind ourselves of a few things.
>
>1. Most importantly the cw bands will remain intact.
Respectfully no. We will be pushed aside and no one will care, especially
the FCC. The only reason there is 5wpm is international treaty.
>2. Everyone here once went through the stage where they could only copy 5
>wpm.
Not me. I passed the 5wpm with 3 weeks of practice.
>3. Opening the HF cw bands to more people could very well promote more cw
>activity.
> Hey, you find it both effective and challenging so will the newcomers.
There will soon be NO cw bands.
>4. Having been licensed since 1957 I can remember when folks purchased the
>ARRL license
> manual and memorized the questions, answers, as well as the schematics
>you were required
> to produce on the exams. I think today's written exams test more
>areas of knowledge
> than the exams of yesteryear did. (Don't believe me -- go look at
the
>old exams)
Maybe so. I was only two in 1957.
>5. The basic rule of history is that things change.
True. But not always for the better.
>Enough said.
Respectfully so.
>Steve K8IDN
>

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 20:12:34 -0800
From: "Chris Anderson" <w6vl@thegrid.net>
To: <wb5rue@stic.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59128] Re: the bright side of restructuring
Message-ID: <001b01bf5345\$ab985800\$880fa2d1@chrisand>
MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
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----- Original Message -----

From: Kevin Muenzler WB5RUE <wb5rue@stic.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Thursday, December 30, 1999 8:01 PM
Subject: RE: the bright side of restructuring

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>

> 73/

> Kevin, WB5RUE

> real extra, one minute solid copy and everything!

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> > -----Original Message-----

> > From: owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU

> > [mailto:owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU] On Behalf Of

> > Drbob92031@aol.com

> > Sent: Thursday, December 30, 1999 9:28 PM

> > To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion

> > Subject: the bright side of restructuring

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> >

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> ...

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Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 23:21:56 -0500
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: <henryf@quartz.gly.fsu.edu>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59129] Re: Restructuring
Message-ID: <006601bf5347\$127f9dc0\$d4f2fea9@dads-hp>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
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>All of this restructuring business was driven by industry trying to
>attract more newcomers (ie no cw). Now all of the sudden we have a
>licensing system where cw is once again mandatory for all hams. This
>represents a 180 degree course reversal for the FCC.

This is no joke. I haven't seen it officially, but I've ben hearing about it. And I don't think it was driven by the industry as much as it was driven by people fed up with the 'status quo', with people fed up with the 'good old boy' network that maintained illogical arguments of "I did it, you should too!" or "It will keep out the lids!"

Now the challenge is it's here, what is to be done? Build more barriers? Or try to move forward?

>I kind of liked things the way they were....the only people on the low
>end of the cw bands were people interested in working cw. The people
>who didn't like cw were confined to the phone bands and I never had to
>deal with them. Who knows what will be now.

And this is EXACTLY why there has to be an intelligent move forward. Any more bickering over the pro/anti cw argument is just going to make the CW subbands become 'unprotected' that much quicker.

THINK PEOPLE!! You can't change what is done. Like it or not, it's the way it is. The challenge is how to make sure the CW subbands stay protected!!

Screaming for someone's head is not very productive!

Mike

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 22:27:54 -0600
From: "Mike =?ISO-8859-1?Q?N=D8WDM"?= <michaelbstjames@email.msn.com>
To: <qrp@email.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59130] Re: Hobby of Shame
Message-ID: <004001bf5347\$6a2ed220\$2c370b3f@default>

>WBOJNR
>Roger J. Wendell
>Aurora, Colorado wrote:

"Come April 15th your license will mean even less..."

Are you kidding?! I consider my licenses one of the high points of my life. I worked hard to go from novice to extra in about two years. It doesn't make any difference what the requirements are now I did what I did and it's something I can take pride in. Hobby of Shame not on your life.

We all knew something like this was coming so let's quit griping and get out there and recruit some new blood. BTW I'll still be a proud daddy when my daughter (13) passes her tests!

Mike in Minnesota

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>-----
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>
>

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 23:30:03 -0500
From: Brian <brian@iquest.net>
To: BenNW7DX@aol.com

Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59131] Re: Well guys... say bye bye to 13/20 wpm tests
Message-ID: <386C314B.5A79F985@iquest.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I heard today that all Extra class hams will be known as Extra Plus
with Clusters after April 15th.

I don't know if I like this yet.

BenNW7DX@aol.com wrote:

>
> Hello,
> After reading about the brand new restructuring, I am very disappointed.
> There will only be 3 license classes - technician, general, extra And there
> will be only ONE... yes, thats right... ONLY ONE cw test, for 5wpm :(I
> sure hope that the FCC at least makes some kind of bandplans for the code
> segments.
> This is sure gonna be strange. Everyone hop on.. its gonna be a wild
> ride! <g>
>
> FYI
> Ben - NW7DX
> Seattle, WA

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Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 23:32:46 -0500
From: "J. Ervin Bates" <w8erv@email.msn.com>
To: <w6vl@thegrid.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59132] Re: the bright side of restructuring
Message-ID: <02a201bf5348\$17295a40\$5027113f@win98>

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most of you, but to shut these people out is suicide. When you hear these new slow ops coming aboard if we are lucky, you better encourage this young man or woman. Show them about the fun of QRP and kit building. You have to give them the spark and hopefully the desire to continue on so CW doesn't die..."

Wish I coulda quoted the whole thing without stirring up any more anger.....WELL SAID, AMEN, PREACH IT!!!!

73,
Erv W8ERV

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 04:56:51 +0000
From: Brian Short <bshort@speedchoice.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [59133] Liscence Change
Message-ID: <4.1.19991231044857.031d73a0@mail.phoenix.speedchoice.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Do licences change in Y2K? Somebody told it mite.

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Brian K. Short <http://www.qsl.net/k7on/> <mailto:k7on@arrl.net>
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Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 23:59:16 -0500
From: osier <osier@northnet.org>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [59134] only a Tech-plus.....
Message-ID: <386C3824.D63D9E15@northnet.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
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Hello All ,

After reading all the posts from others ...some good ...some bad.....
I feel ashamedbeing a "lowly" Tech-Plus I feel I am not worthy
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During the lull of the solar cycle I worked code for about 4 yrs

..learning and working...

But never able to get the 13 WPM..... not that I wasn't trying !!!!

I still work both modes and enjoy them both , but I will think hard about upgrading now.

Seems stupid but I won't feel welcome..... all these posts on " I did it , YOU should have

to !!!" is very discouraging to me... I've been a Tech for 10 yrs ,worked 203 countries ,

36 zones , W.A.S.QRP , W.A.C.QRP , 1000 MPW CLUB , over 500 prefixes

.....

Yet it seems that unless I do my upgrade the "old" way it won't mean squat what I've done !!!

I'm sorry if this post might anger some..... I've been a "lurker" on the QRP-L group...

Learning much and enjoying the people that all seem to be enjoying the hobby and are

ALWAYS ready to help ...

Things will never be the same.....

72s

George , N2JNZ / QRP

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 23:30:13 -0500

From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>

To: <qrp@email.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [59135] Re: Hobby of Shame

Message-ID: <011101bf534b\$7c4ae940\$d4f2fea9@dads-hp>

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>Why have any requirements for ham licenses at all? Let's just eliminate testing altogether so we can sell more radios, subscriptions, and memberships. It's been ten years since anyone thought of sporting their license on a resume or list of life achievements. Come April 15th your license will mean even less...

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>WB0JNR

>Roger J. Wendell

>Aurora, Colorado

It only means less to those that expect less. If you expect something different instead of just bemoaning a change, you might be surprised!

Mike

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 23:53:33 -0500
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: <wb5rue@stic.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59136] Re: the bright side of restructuring
Message-ID: <011201bf534b\$7d46ae60\$d4f2fea9@dads-hp>
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Hey, this is exactly the attitude that started this whole mess of
'us vs them' with the pro/anti CW factions, with the result that
one side is a 'winner' and the other is a 'looser'.

Kevin, if you would be so kind, PLEASE explain to me how
people who now pass their 5wpm test are any less qualified
than people who have passed their 5wpm test in the past?
Or is there some other qualifier here?

Mike

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 00:03:26 EST
From: GElam30092@aol.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [59137] maybe you can explain it to me.....
Message-ID: <0.c6024140.259d931e@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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The FCC releases the new requirements..... all heck seems to break loose. I don't seem to see anything incorrect in the FCC's logic..... and I've read it cover to cover.

I'm only a tech plus. One reason that I got into ham radio to have another avenue to volunteer my time and energy (what little there is left after work). I normally volunteer my time at the local science center at least twice a month.

The biggest reward is showing someone how to send their name in code. But the other joys are talking about hitting a satellite that is 2,500 miles away with a HT and a handheld antenna..... showing them Nova for Windows and how to determine when AO-27 is in range. Or simply hearing a voice from another state or country. Or taking to someone locally on a repeater..... opps, that's too much like CB for some folks. Or even as simple as connecting someone with an old lost buddy who was "into that stuff when we were 13 years old and I haven't seen him in 20 years" by showing them how to look them up on QRZ.COM! Or, bringing up a station on the K2 which amazes folks when they learn it comes as a kit..... and is low power to boot.

Ham radio is multifaceted and there appears to be enough room for everyone to play in their niche..... the decision seems to have no effect on that.

But all I hear is that my future license is of less value than all the others that *earned* theirs. I can't copy 20 wpm (yet?) so therefore I'm not as intelligent as others.....that's in spite of an engineering degree and a graduate degree in business. Opps..... that's right... I went to school in the late 70's/early 80's and they were just giving those out on the street corner I guess. Sure don't remember it that way though.

That helpful nature that seemed to permeate the QRP-L list seems to have disappeared in the space of one afternoon. Or maybe it is just the loud minority?

What really changed today and how will you change the way that you interact with us slow-coders? Are you really going to ignore someone at 5 wpm who is calling CQ and maybe even (heaven forbid) using bad technique? Or are you going to try and help? Are you going to quit playing N/T+ Fox with us slow-coders?

You tell me..... and sorry for the ranting.

Gerry Elam
PHX AZ

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 00:06:03 -0600
From: "Hal Schlotfeld" <kc0bdw@netzero.net>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59138] Re: only a Tech-plus.....
Message-ID: <005401bf5355\$1ff15b20\$eb490404@computer>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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I have to agree with you I've tried and tried (heck I've taken the 13WPM test 3 times) to get to 13 WPM, but just can't reach it. 10WPM no problem. I thought that getting to 13 would be no problem since it took me a week to learn 5WPM. But after trying for two years.Well..

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> about upgrading now.
> Seems stupid but I wont feel welcome..... all these posts on " I did it
> , YOU should have
> to !!!" is very discouraging to me... Ive been a Tech for 10 yrs ,worked
> 203 countries ,
> 36 zones , W.A.S.QRP , W.A.C.QRP , 1000 MPW CLUB , over 500 prefixes
>
> Yet it seems that unless I do my upgrade the "old" way it wont mean
> squat what Ive done !!!
>
> Im sorry if this post might anger some..... Ive been a "lurker" on the
> QRP-L group...
> Learning much and enjoying the people that all seem to be enjoying the
> hobby and are
> ALWAYS ready to help ...
>

> Things will never be the same.....
>
> 72s
>
> George , N2JNZ / QRP
>
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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 00:07:33 -0600
From: Tony <ka9fax@mailbox1.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59139] broke sw40
Message-ID: <386C4824.9849E7CC@mailbox1.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

hello all, i hv a sw40 with keyer when i turn it on it may work fer
3sec. or 5min. then i get a tone and the only way to stop it is to turn
it off then back on. can anyone help me fix this. 73 de tony ka9fax
hobart ind

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 22:18:34 -0800 (PST)
From: Paul Erickson <paule@sfu.ca>
To: rattray@gpfn.sk.ca
Cc: qrp-l@lehigh.edu (qrp), qrp-canada@lists.gpfn.sk.ca (qrp-canada)
Subject: [59140] Re: Fox Hunt mangy musher team member change
Message-ID: <199912310618.WAA14692@fraser.sfu.ca>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

This is to advise you that VE7CQK will no longer appear in the
hunts for the Mangy Mushers... VA7NT will be heard instead...

cheers, Paul - VA7NT (ex VE7CQK) - email: paule@sfu.ca

The buffet closes at 7:30 so some of our members get there a little early to get a head start on all the eats. Just come on in and go straight to the back room or ask one of the waitresses to guide you back. If you are in the area we would sure enjoy having you as our guest! We adjourn when we get tired of talking QRP (hardly ever) or when they kick us out (usually).

I had never thought of going to the list about a local event till Royce, KE5TC, brought home-brew master Don, K5AAR, over last month. Don lives considerable distance from Ft. Smith and said he would have made it sooner if he had read about it on the list. So I will try to post a reminder once a month from now on. In the last year we have had some great QRP dignitaries just show up like Doug Hendricks, Rev. Dobbs, and Chuck Adams. QRP in the Heartland, I just love it.

Getting back to Don, I heard about him from Clifton Sikes, AB5UA, almost a year ago. Clifton told me there was a guy over around lake Eufaula, Oklahoma that builds QRP rigs home-brew and they look/work like kits. Well Don not only showed up to have a little pizza but brought along 20m transceiver that had a very cool LED frequency readout.

So, if you are in the area, and love QRP, come on out and join us. Bring some of your own projects and come hungry!! You don't even have to eat, but you better have a show-n-tell item to pay for your sins, grin.

Oh, I always forget the fine print. If you need directions you can e-mail me or give me a ring. My phone number is 501-651-7012.

This is a great way to start off the New Year!! Seasons Greetings from Heartland QRP/FSQG and 73 de w5jay..

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 23:22:03 -0800 (PST)
From: "Samuel A. Falvo II" <kc5tja@armored.net>
To: Henry Freedenberg <henryf@quartz.gly.fsu.edu>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59143] Re: Restructuring
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.3.96.991230231704.5758A-100000@garnet.armored.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Thu, 30 Dec 1999, Henry Freedenberg wrote:

> I kind of liked things the way they were....the only people on the low
> end of the cw bands were people interested in working cw. The people

What about the people on the high end of the CW subbands?

> who didn't like cw were confined to the phone bands and I never had to
> deal with them. Who knows what will be now.

I know what will be now. And it's precisely the same as what we've
already got. So why are you complaining?

> Bring me the head of Riley Hollingsworth.

Oh please -- like he's the one in charge.

--

KC5TJA/6, DM13, QRP-L #1447
Samuel A. Falvo II
Oceanside, CA

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 23:29:38 -0800 (PST)
From: "Samuel A. Falvo II" <kc5tja@armored.net>
To: paul taylor <ptay1@miro.bestweb.net>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59144] Re: restructuring
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.3.96.991230232359.5758B-100000@garnet.armored.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Thu, 30 Dec 1999, paul taylor wrote:

> No matter what the code speed is set at, the bottom line is that the
> amateur service is no longer an emergency service and as such is not
> entitle to keep its vhf frequencies. Broadcasters will eventually swallow
> up everything below 15 meters.

No disrespect towards you, but what are you smoking? What, in any way,
shape, *OR* form, does this have to do with restructuring? nothing.

Also amateur radio operators ARE entitled to keep their frequencies -- ALL
of them. What part of the restructuring proposal does it say that we are
not an emergency service?

What is up with all these doom day predictions? Christ, the last time

people predicted doom and gloom brought down from the heavens was in the 1901 Halley's Comet visit. Plenty of people died -- but not from the comet. Do the math.

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KC5TJA/6, DM13, QRP-L #1447
Samuel A. Falvo II
Oceanside, CA

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 23:35:52 -0800 (PST)
From: "Samuel A. Falvo II" <kc5tja@armored.net>
To: QRP <qrp@email.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59145] Re: Hobby of Shame
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.3.96.991230233422.5758C-100000@garnet.armored.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Thu, 30 Dec 1999, QRP wrote:

> Why have any requirements for ham licenses at all? Let's just eliminate
> testing altogether so we can sell more radios, subscriptions, and
> memberships. It's been ten years since anyone thought of sporting their

Let me think about this one here... Sell more radios.... More people on ham bands... No incentive to give bands to commercial services...

Doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure THIS one out.

> license on a resume or list of life achievements. Come April 15th your
> license will mean even less...

Perhaps, but I always list my ham radio license on my resume.

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KC5TJA/6, DM13, QRP-L #1447
Samuel A. Falvo II
Oceanside, CA

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 23:40:20 -0800 (PST)
From: "Samuel A. Falvo II" <kc5tja@armored.net>
To: Roy <marion@montana.com>

Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59146] Re: Food for thought....
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.3.96.991230233831.5758D-100000@garnet.armored.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Thu, 30 Dec 1999, Roy wrote:

> overwhelm all hope of enforcement. And what makes you think they won't be
> SSBing on the CW portions? We are far from safe just because we are on CW.

What's preventing this now?

> Code will now be a learn it and forget it requirement. Our numbers on the
> CW portions will dwindle and we will be pushed aside and no one but us will
> care. The improvement of anything is greater skill and requirements, not

This will happen only if you let it happen. If you don't want to be
pushed off the band, then don't budge.

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KC5TJA/6, DM13, QRP-L #1447
Samuel A. Falvo II
Oceanside, CA

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 02:48:07 -0500
From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [59147] License Restructuring
Message-ID: <386C5FB7.77AF@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Well the other shoe has dropped. The CW requirements have been reduced
to 5 wpm for all tests, making upgrading a matter of studying the book.

Is it so bad as to warrant the 50 or so self-serving messages that have
been posted so far?

I think not. Amateur radio has changed. Maybe you haven't noticed the
changes. We used to be a hobby of equipment builders who worked mostly
CW. Then came phone - it will ruin our hobby! Then came SSB, and FM,
and data, and a dozen other modes that were going to be the death of the
hobby. None of them killed it. We just found ways to use them to our

advantage.

It is true, we are no longer a hobby that provides a ready reserve of operators to the military. That was the principle reason for keeping CW speed requirements so high. But the military's requirements have changed too. No longer do they need a person they can put in front of a BC-342 and ask to copy code immediately! They are using SSB, and FM, and data modes to communicate. Yes, there is still a place for us in emergencies. Health and welfare traffic have not changed. Just the military stuff!

Relax, your license will not be worth less. To begin with you are just another call among many! There is no place where your licensing date can be looked up, unless you hang around the FCC or the QRZ web page every day! And who cares? If you can do 20+ wpm then do it. If you can only do 5 wpm then do it. If you can increase your code speed, and want to, then do it. Just stop complaining!

73

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 00:05:55 -0800
From: Dave Fifield <fifield@pacbell.net>
To: rwc@frii.com, Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59148] Re: NC20 mods, club kit
Message-ID: <002901bf5365\$dd7507e0\$0100a8c0@pacbell.net>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

Rod,

You have captured all the good mods.

The AGC anti-drift mod is to add a 1N914 (or equivalent) diode in series with R63 with the cathode (bar end) to GND, plus, you have to change R63 to 3300hms. This mod is courtesy of Larry East.

The AFA crystal mod is to cut the PCB trace on the underside of the PCB between the AFA pin 3 and the crystal, then solder a 100KOhm resistor across the cut. Without this resistor in place, the tiny crystal is dissipating almost it's maximum allowable power and can fail (some did!). With the resistor in place the power dissipation is reduced considerably.

Let me know if you need a better explanation of any of this.

Cheers,

Dave Fifield, AD6A

"My name is Dave Fifield and I'm a radio ham"

----- Original Message -----

From: "Rod Cerkoney" <rlw@frii.com>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Thursday, December 30, 1999 7:40 PM

Subject: RFI: NC20 mods, club kit

> Folks:

>

> I going to complete a NorCal 20 (Club Kit) for another Ham. He has
> left the decision about which mod's to perform up to me. Here is my
> proposed list of mod's:

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> o Reduce T4 from 10 to 6 Windings.

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> o Change R80 from 22 Ohms to 10-15ohms, probably 15 ohms.

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> o 2.5mm power plug and cord set.

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> o 10turn tuning pot.

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> o AGC Mod

>

> o Power switch mounted on rear panel.

>

> These are mod's I made to my NC20, and they have added to my enjoyment
> of the rig. Are there other mod's I've overlooked that should be
> considered? I've seen the AGC voltage drift mod, but it never seemed a
> problem for me. And, I've heard of a mod for the AFA XTAL but can't
> find any details on it.

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 02:07:38 -0600

From: "Hal Schlotfeld" <kc0bdw@netzero.net>

To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [59149] Re: License Restructuring

Message-ID: <001701bf5366\$1c4ad8a0\$57e03604@computer>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;

charset="iso-8859-1"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Very well put Bruce..

----- Original Message -----

From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>

To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Friday, December 31, 1999 1:48 AM

Subject: License Restructuring

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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 00:09:13 -0800

From: "Tom Scott" <tscott@eni.net>
To: "'qrp-l Reflector'" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59150] Some sanity please!
Message-ID: <000401bf5366\$5d5cddc0\$77e06cc7@wyle.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I've heard some pretty silly whining here today. Everything from opening up the bands to chimps and CB "good buddies", to Yeacomwood's need to sell more radios. What a load of nonsense!

There are OTHER THINGS besides CW that are important to develop in amateur radio! One of amateur radio's most important goals is the "advancement of the art of radio communications", CW certainly isn't advancement of the art! It is fun and its historically important, but advancement of the art its not.

If they keep making the written tests suitably advanced, they will keep out the chimps at least as well as they have till now.

Seriously, we need to bring into the hobby the folks that will develop spread spectrum and advanced DSP technologies many of whom could care less about doing 35 WPM with CW. I happen to like CW and have been working hard to get my speed up to where its really useful, not because the license requires it (I knew it soon wouldn't), but because I want to QSO with it. I'm building a Sierra QRP rig that is only CW. Those of us who enjoy CW still will. You don't think the ranks of CW folks got where they have because of some stupid test do you? Nobody held a gun to their heads to use CW once the license was earned!

I just spent a plane flight the other day with a PhD research scientist at Intel. He contributed to the development of APRS, is working on encryption theory and spread spectrum for pervasive low power communications. He was frustrated that CW was keeping some of the best DSP engineers he works with out of the Amateur ranks because they just don't have time to waste on CW! These aren't chimps my friend! Just because we don't have 13 or 20 wpm CW, it doesn't have to be CB. I venture to guess that you could sooner teach a chimp 13 or 20 wpm CW than to program a DSP for an IF section.

I appreciate that many who worked hard for their license class are frustrated to see part of that process get easier for others, but if the hobby doesn't stay relevant to modern communications technology needs, we'll lose all the bandwidth we've got. I lobbied for a two track system where you could get advanced licenses with either CW and the traditional written tests or with new advanced technology tests. This would serve to open the advanced licenses up to more experimentation with advanced technology. I'm sorry to

see that they didn't do that, but the fact is that CW is becoming an interesting historical anachronism. To cobble the hobby to it is to strangle it to death. CW will still live, because some of us WILL it to, not because of a bureaucratic licensing system's requirements.

They haven't outlawed the use of CW! You know perfectly well that anyone who makes a serious effort to use it will develop speed as a function of using it. If you don't want to talk to a 5 to 8 wpm newbie to help him along, then don't, but some of us will help him get the experience to advance. And by the way, calling him a chimp or a "good buddie" is really going to make lots of friends, especially if you find out that he's got a PhD and is developing the next digital mode that we'll all be using in six months! I'm not saying that everyone who comes in under the new rules will be, but lets face it, not everyone who got in under the old regime was exactly a rocket scientist either. The hobby will survive this, it will probably thrive from it. CW will live on, I will get my speed up to 30 wpm or so (eventually) and hope to qso with each of you one day. Lifes awful short these days. There are lots of very good engineers out there who wouldn't bother with amateur radio when it required this anachronistic old CW mode to get anywhere. We could use their kind to swell the ranks a bit with some new blood.

If Yeacomwood sells some more radios, good, maybe the good folks at Wilderness Radio and Ten-Tec will as well, fabulous! Bob and Wayne and all the good folks at Ten-Tec and other places like that deserve lots of success!

It's a great day for amateur radio, and I'm still working on my CW!

72 and 73

- Tom

[illegible]

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 00:12:32 -0800
From: Doug Hendricks <ki6ds@dospalos.org>
To: "'elecraft@qth.net'" <elecraft@qth.net>
Cc: "'qrp-l@lehigh.edu'" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [59151] QRPers are Great People

Message-ID: <01BF5323.BFE0BA40@dialup-18.dospalos.org>

Guys, I posted to the Elecraft list this afternoon that I needed some help.

A guy who bought the NC20 club kit was not able to build it due to poor eyesight. He had soldered in 6 parts, but had to give up because he could not see well enough. I asked if someone would be willing to help him by building his kit.

Well, the response was amazing. Over 20 people offered to build the kit, EVERY ONE OF THEM AT NO CHARGE!!! Thanks guys for the wonderful response, it made my month, and gave me a great feeling about knowing all of you. It is really refreshing to have a response like this. Sorry for the bandwidth, but I just had to share the good news with the rest of you. To those of you who volunteered, thank you for your willingness to help. 72, Doug, KI6DS

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 07:42:04 -0500
From: "Tom Bowman" <tbowman@nbn.net>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [59152] Restructuring: One easy request.
Message-ID: <LPBBKNNCCFBPAKMPADLJEEOGCHAA.tbowman@nbn.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Regardless how you feel about restructuring,
please preface your remarks in the subject line
with the word Restructuring:

That allows filtering of the discussion.

Thanks much and have a Happy 2000!

73,

Tom

WA3REY

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 08:19:00 -0500
From: w4bws@juno.com
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU

Cc: w4bws@juno.com, drdon1@juno.com
Subject: [59153] Re: Y2K
Message-ID: <19991231.081917.-11897.0.W4BWS@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I wish all a very Happy, Prosperous, and Healthy New Year.

You might muse over the fact that other calenders (except for the lunar Hindu) are NOT enjoying round numbers at this time, and the vast majority of the world's peoples are NOT even considering getting hysterical about Friday night.

The year is:

5759 in the Hebrew calendar,
5112 in the Mayan calendar,
5100 in the lunar Hindu calendar,
4133 in the Tibetan,
3952 in the Chinese,
2752 in the Roman (Julian),
1419 in the Islamic,
155 in the Baha'i,
6239 in the ancient Egyptian,
among others.

See: <http://people.we.mediaone.net/kelsung/other/calendar.htm>
and it's related links.

[Http://www.freedom.simplenet.com/millennium.htm](http://www.freedom.simplenet.com/millennium.htm)

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694 E. Eau Gallie Blvd.
Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937
w4bws@juno.com

My favorite rig glows in the dark and draws less power than a litebulb.

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 08:19:54 -0500
From: "Ian C. Purdie VK2TIP" <ianpurdie@integritynet.com.au>
To: "GQRP@onelist.com" <GQRP@onelist.com>, Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
<qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59154] Check the date and time folks
Message-ID: <386CAD51.FF21FDF0@integritynet.com.au>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

History is made friends - check the date and time

72/73's

Ian Purdie Budgewoi N.S.W. Australia - Co-ords 33o:14':00" S
151o:34':00" E
VK2TIP "I'll give you the TIP mate" QRP-L member #1978.
URL - <http://www.integritynet.com.au/~purdic/> URL -
<http://www.qsl.net/vk2tip/>

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 08:24:47
From: Robert McConnell <rmcconne@lightlink.com>
To: w6vl@thegrid.net
Cc: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59155] Re: the bright side of restructuring
Message-ID: <3.0.6.16.19991231082447.302f0b3c@pop.lightlink.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

It's a lot like deregulating the telephone companies. Now that CW's no longer shoved down our throats, you're going to have to sell it to us in competition with the other modes. Either find a way to get us to like it, or loose out to other, more enjoyable modes.

I for one am glad to see that the FCC is no longer just a rubber stamp for the ARRL. Now I can start to work some of the newer modes without having to waste time improving a single obsolete skill that I don't even like and probably will never use on the air. FWIW, the Navy spent two weeks to get me up to 15wpm in 1970; then I only used CW in one exercise in the next seven years, and that was on sonar. I don't remember even seeing a key in the radio rooms of the destroyer I lived on for 3 1/2 years.

It amazes me that anyone could believe that the life or death of ham radio could hinge on a single mode that requires a combination of physical and mental skills that only a few people have or can develop(*). I think most of you are threatened because you will no longer be able to use your license and awards wall to show that you have reached the pinnacle of ham perfection. The qualifications to be considered one of the elite have changed, and maybe you won't make it the next time around.

Now where did I store that Hallicrafter's receiver?

Bob McConnell

N2SPP

(*) See Howard Gardner's works on multiple intelligences; language and performance.

At 08:12 PM 12/30/99 -0800, Chris Anderson wrote:

>All I know about this restructuring deal is this.I dont like it as much as
>most of you,but to shut these people out is suicide.When you hear these new
>slow ops coming aboard if we are lucky, you better encourage this young man
>or woman.Show them about the fun of QRP and kit building.You have to give
>them the spark and hopefully the desire to continue on so CW doesnt die or
>at least we can have more time.If a person has a desire,the discipline comes
>much easier.We all must do our part instead of complaining about it.If we
>dont who will?

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 08:33:01 -0500
From: "Ian C. Purdie VK2TIP" <ianpurdie@integritynet.com.au>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59156] Re: General class to advanced upgrade...why ?
Message-ID: <386CB068.9A33C887@integritynet.com.au>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Michael Melland wrote:

> Figures..... I was going to take my upgrade exam on January 8th to
> Advanced. But now with the changes..... why ? Looks like I'd be better to
> hold off until after April 15th and just take the one 50 question test for
> the new Extra.

Mike, it's something very valuable, it's called pride in ones own personal achievements

72/73's

Ian Purdie Budgewoi N.S.W. Australia - Co-ords 33o:14':00" S 151o:34':00" E
VK2TIP "I'll give you the TIP mate" QRP-L member #1978.
URL - <http://www.integritynet.com.au/~purdic/> URL - <http://www.qsl.net/vk2tip/>

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 08:38:57 -0500

From: Ed Kessler <edkess@epix.net>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [59157] NC-40A Mods?
Message-ID: <386CB1F1.30B80EA8@epix.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Greetings to all:

Just read some posts about NC-20 mods. Do these mods apply also to the NC-40A or have they already been incorporated into the design.

If they do apply, please repost them or email them to me separately . . . My finger was too "trigger happy" while deleting restructuring posts that I accidentally deleted them. :-)

Happy QRPing in Y2K

Ed, AA3SJ, K2 #656

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 07:45:05 -0600
From: "Kevin Muenzler, WB5RUE" <wb5rue@stic.net>
To: "'Mike Yettsko'" <myettsko@insydesw.com>, "'Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion'" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59158] RE: the bright side of restructuring
Message-ID: <000101bf5395\$3f153450\$ef5d6f81@v8.uthscsa.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Poor choice of words on my part. Gee it's getting harder and harder to get my foot unstuck.

But I think you can understand what I really meant. I believe there should be some sort of "band plan" set up for those who are just starting out and those who are more experienced. That's what the original CW "segregation" was all about anyway. But there are those who will cry "but all the good DX is in the Extra part of the bands...." If your entire ham-life revolves around getting "good dx" then there's always the internet. Ham radio is supposed to be about getting on the air, having fun, spreading good-will (whatever that is these days) and that sort of thing. Sadly for many it has become just one contest after another. It's like going to the bowling alley and finding that the leagues have taken over the place and the casual bowler can bowl only from 11:30pm until midnight on the second Wednesday of each

month that ends in a R.

That's enough, I think I'll take my medication and go to lie down.

73 all! Happy New Year. Regardless of whether or not you are a "real ham" (again, whatever that is) if you are having fun doing it then that's all that matters.

Kevin, WB5RUE

I am Voltohm of Borg, resistance is E/I, power is EI, you will be attenuated!

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Mike Yetsko [mailto:myetsko@insydesw.com]

> Sent: Thursday, December 30, 1999 10:54 PM

> To: wb5rue@stic.net; Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion

> Subject: Re: the bright side of restructuring

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> >Or lots more unqualified CW operators "trying their water wings" and really

> >messing things up.

> >

> >Kevin, WB5RUE

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> Hey, this is exactly the attitude that started this whole mess of
> 'us vs them' with the pro/anti CW factions, with the result that
> one side is a 'winner' and the other is a 'looser'.

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> Kevin, if you would be so kind, PLEASE explain to me how
> people who now pass their 5wpm test are any less qualified
> than people who have passed their 5wpm test in the past?
> Or is there some other qualifier here?

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> Mike

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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 08:43:26 -0500

From: "aluscre" <aluscre@neo.rr.com>

To: w4bws@juno.com

Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [59159] Re: Y2K

Message-ID: <19991231134626.AAA8551@roadrunner.neo.lrun.com@neo.rr.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I had heard that Islamic calendar was 1378 are there two variations?

w4bws@juno.com wrote:

> I wish all a very Happy, Prosperous, and Healthy New Year.
>
> You might muse over the fact that other calenders (except for the
> lunar Hindu) are NOT enjoying round numbers at this time, and
> the vast majority of the world's peoples are NOT even considering
> getting hysterical about Friday night.
>
> The year is:
> 5759 in the Hebrew calendar,
> 5112 in the Mayan calendar,
> 5100 in the lunar Hindu calendar,
> 4133 in the Tibetan,
> 3952 in the Chinese,
> 2752 in the Roman (Julian),
> 1419 in the Islamic,
> 155 in the Baha'i,
> 6239 in the ancient Egyptian,
> among others.
> See: <http://people.we.mediaone.net/kelsung/other/calendar.htm>
> and it's related links.
> [Http://www.freedom.simplenet.com/millennium.htm](http://www.freedom.simplenet.com/millennium.htm)
>
> Dr. Donald E. Sanders, D.C. W4BWS
> 694 E. Eau Gallie Blvd.
> Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937
> w4bws@juno.com
> My favorite rig glows in the dark and draws less power than a litebulb.

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| Anthony A. Luscre   |
|   KA8NRC           |
|       Stow, Ohio    |
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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 07:53:15 -0600
From: "Kevin Muenzler, WB5RUE" <wb5rue@stic.net>
To: "'Chris Anderson'" <w6vl@thegrid.net>, "'Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion'" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59160] RE: the bright side of restructuring
Message-ID: <000201bf5396\$63446610\$ef5d6f81@v8.uthscsa.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Again I agree 100%. I now understand that my comments were not understood (and not well written). I don't mean to sound like I am sticking my noise high in the air as a "better than you" type person because I am not "better" than anyone else. I always slow down for a beginner on the air. I'm never one to try to impress anyone with my fast code. If I send too quickly and the other guy can't copy then what's the point of the QSO. I do know plenty of high-speed code operators who won't slow down, who will just QSY, or worse, ignore someone answering their CQ with slow CW. One of our first duties (as "real extras") is to Elmer those coming into the hobby and not make them feel inferior. That's what a great friend, W5LF, did for me almost 25 years ago.

73 all/
Kevin, WB5RUE

> -----Original Message-----
> From: Chris Anderson [mailto:w6vl@thegrid.net]
> Sent: Thursday, December 30, 1999 10:13 PM
> To: wb5rue@stic.net; Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
> Subject: Re: the bright side of restructuring
>
>
> All I know about this restructuring deal is this.I dont like
> it as much as
> most of you,but to shut these people out is suicide.When you
> hear these new
> slow ops coming aboard if we are lucky, you better encourage
> this young man
> or woman.Show them about the fun of QRP and kit building.You
> have to give
> them the spark and hopefully the desire to continue on so CW
> doesnt die or
> at least we can have more time.If a person has a desire,the
> discipline comes
> much easier.We all must do our part instead of complaining
> about it.If we
> dont who will?

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 09:10:19 -0500
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: <wb5rue@stic.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59161] Re: the bright side of restructuring
Message-ID: <00e901bf5399\$1f6556e0\$9001a8c0@wn.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

> Poor choice of words on my part. Gee it's getting harder and harder
to get
> my foot unstuck.

No wait just a minute!! If you mean you're going to go after my job
of getting my foot in my mouth and chewing...

Mike

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 09:04:04 -0800
From: Fred Lesnick <flesnick@tbaytel.net>
To: "'cw@qth.net'" <cw@qth.net>, "50mhz@qth.net" <50mhz@qth.net>, "6mt.com"
<50mhz@6mt.com>, "badgercontesters@qth.net" <badgercontesters@qth.net>,
 "cothen@onelist.com" <cothen@onelist.com>, Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
<qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>, ODXA <oqp@egroups.com>,
Subject: [59162] HAPPY NEW YEAR
Message-ID: <386CE204.4F228E9A@tbaytel.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

HAPPY NEW YEAR one and all.All the best.
Fred
VE3FAL
Registered Monitor VE3DX1FAL
Amateur Op VE3FAL
Thunder Bay,Ontario
EN58jj

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 08:07:26 -0600
From: "Dan W. Dooley" <dandooley@pipeline.com>
To: <osier@northnet.org>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59163] Re: only a Tech-plus.....
Message-ID: <006201bf5398\$5e8b8700\$05987b7b@CSS0048.bergenbrunswick.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

George, I'll bet you'll find that once you do get upgraded, regardless of how! with a little time under your belt, and especially if you do get on and spend some time enjoying CW, regardless of your initial speed, you'll get up there. Even if you don't. Even if you plug away for the next ten years at 10 or so WPM, I'd like to think that in time, you'll forget about the frustration and the discouragement and with the enjoyment you find operating, you'll think of yourself as you should - a fully licensed ham. Period! I'll bet also, that the other guy (or lady) you're in QSO with won't think a thing about your "class" as a ham. I wouldn't. I won't even know how you upgraded.

Dan W. Dooley WB5TKA Y2K Complacent
 e-mail to: dandooley@pipeline.com
Si Hoc Legere Scis Nimium Eruditionis Habes
Oh no! My grandfather clock isn't Y2K compliant!

-----Original Message-----
From: osier <osier@northnet.org>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Date: Thursday, December 30, 1999 10:57 PM
Subject: only a Tech-plus.....

>Hello All ,
>
>After reading all the posts from others ...some good ...some bad.....
>I feel ashamedbeing a "lowly" Tech-Plus I feel I am not worthy
>.....
>During the lull of the solar cycle I worked code for about 4 yrs
>..learning and working...
>But never able to get the 13 WPM..... not that I wasn't trying !!!!!
>I still work both modes and enjoy them both , but I will think hard
>about upgrading now.
>Seems stupid but I won't feel welcome..... all these posts on " I did it
>, YOU should have

>to !!!" is very discouraging to me... Ive been a Tech for 10 yrs ,worked
>203 countries ,
>36 zones , W.A.S.QRP , W.A.C.QRP , 1000 MPW CLUB , over 500 prefixes
>.....
>Yet it seems that unless I do my upgrade the "old" way it wont mean
>squat what Ive done !!!
>
>Im sorry if this post might anger some..... Ive been a "lurker" on the
>QRP-L group...
>Learning much and enjoying the people that all seem to be enjoying the
>hobby and are
>ALWAYS ready to help ...
>
>Things will never be the same.....
>
>72s
>
>George , N2JNZ / QRP
>

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 08:15:55 -0600
From: Trevor Smith <trevor@tstar.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59164] Sold: Norcal Cascade & SLT unbuilt kits
Message-ID: <386CBA9B.C6419495@tstar.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Is this list great or what? both kits are off to new homes,
72 HNY Trevor AB5EU G3WQO

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 09:12:52 -0500
From: Ronald_A_Pfeiffer@res.raytheon.com
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [59165] FS:DSW20
Message-ID: <85256858.004E142E.00@ressud-as01.res.ray.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Disposition: inline

I have an unbuilt DSW20 plus enclosure for sale.
Price is what I paid, \$135 shipped in CONUS.

I've decided to try my hand at the 2N2/40.

Tnx - Ron N1ZSW

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 09:13:00 -0500
From: sergio <sruiz@bright.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59166] transmission line question..
Message-ID: <386CB9EC.3F893CEA@bright.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

i am in the process of putting together a 10m dipole, and found a huge length of rg-58 in the attic.. my question is.. what is the difference between rg-58 and rg-58/u? the doco in the rig says to use rg-58/u.. and the rg-58/u that i have is much more flexible than the rg-58.. other than that, it is about the same..

anyone have any ideas?

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peace,
sergio

<http://www.bright.net/~sruiz> - "the village buzz"

"quoting other people is really lame and unoriginal..." -sergio

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 08:17:37 -0600
From: Michael Melland <badger@vbe.com>
To: osier@northnet.org
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59167] Re: only a Tech-plus.....
Message-ID: <386CBB01.5FF459E@vbe.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

osier wrote:

> Ive been a Tech for 10 yrs ,worked
> 203 countries ,
> 36 zones , W.A.S.QRP , W.A.C.QRP , 1000 MPW CLUB , over 500 prefixes

George,

I'll still talk to ya <grin>..... why I know a guy who has been a Novice for the past eight years who sends rings around me..... and he uses a straight key! I asked him about upgrading a while back and he replied.... "Why?". Hey, long as he's happy to appear on the bands and embarrass me from time to time more power to him.

Why (flame suit on) I've heard so many hams "trying" to send 20 wpm with 5 wpm skills and an unintelligible fist that trying to copy them really hurts my head <grin> (not that my cw is much better, I always tell myself to slow down and "sound like I know what I'm doing")..... in fact I pass on answering these qso's and would much rather have a nice 5 - 10 wpm understandable qso any day. Sure..... I "can" copy 20 wpm of expertly sent cw.... but have a hard time with the usual. I sure don't consider myself that proficient.... I'd only rate myself at 13-15 wpm on a good day. But I still have fun and that's what counts !

I have another ham friend (N9NE - Todd) who has been a ham since 1959. He operates mainly qrp contests with a TS-530S as his main rig and his dad's old Vibroplex bug. He sends expertly at 35-40 wpm plus and can head copy anything but machine generated tty like cw no matter how poorly it seems to have been sent. What an inspiration.... now THAT'S skill ! I still dream about being able to match his skills someday. But ya know what..... he asks me electronics questions <grin>.

73 de Mike

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Michael Melland, W9WIS
Winneconne, Wisconsin, USA
FISTS #4387, 10-10 #69281, QRP-L #1656,
QRP-ARCI #9875, AK/QRP #478, NorCal,
NJ-QRP #214, Cheeseheads QRP Club
CW, SSB, and Electronics
List Administrator: grundig@qth.net
<http://www.qsl.net/w9wis>

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 09:14:57 -0500
From: "dave dabay" <kd3pc@mindspring.com>
To: <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>

Subject: [59168] Shack Cleaning
Message-ID: <002301bf5399\$6bf84e40\$8fdacdcf@esprit>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Guys and Gals,

I have the following QRP stuff for sale. All are in good working order, most only used to verify operation.

TenTec 4 band rcvr Model 1054, Complete in aluminum enclosure w/headphones.

SST 40 mtr novice band, excellent condition with manual

WM-20, in white clamshell case, alligned and updated by Dave Benson himself, not used since, with manual and allignment results.

Make offers.

dave

Dave Dabay KD3PC QRP-L #365

S/V Anywhere Is

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 08:18:55 -0600
From: "Dan W. Dooley" <dandooley@pipeline.com>
To: "QRP List" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59169] Uping the speed
Message-ID: <007701bf5399\$f96041c0\$05987b7b@CSS0048.bergenbrunswick.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Ya know what I'll bet?

I'll bet anyone who just passes the 5 WPM code speed requirement and gets on and enjoys the mode, will find himself or herself pounding away at maybe -

even really? Could it be? as high as 15 WPM? or maybe even, heaven forbid 20+WPM in time.

Kinda like the person who passed the 20 WPM test now doing 40 or so. Or the guy who passed the 13 WPM test now doing 20, 30, 40, or whatever.

I'll also bet there are a lot who struggled to pass the test inspite of a heck of a lot of study and practice at whatever speed who are now well beyond that level.

So let's don't judge based on the entry point.

Dan W. Dooley WB5TKA Y2K Complacent
e-mail to: dandoooley@pipeline.com
Si Hoc Legere Scis Nimium Eruditionis Habes
Oh no! My grandfather clock isn't Y2K compliant!

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 09:25:59 -0500
From: "Ian C. Purdie VK2TIP" <ianpurdie@integritynet.com.au>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59170] Re: Y2K
Message-ID: <386CBCD2.312530FB@integritynet.com.au>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi People,

In response to a herd of email. Australia has experienced NO Y2K problems.

The only worrying experience so far - and you can bite your knuckles here - QRP-L has apparently (for the first time ever) re-dated and re-timed my original email 2000 greetings to Lehigh.EDU local time. I kid you not. Typical response:

"The time I see in the headers is

Date:
Fri, 31 Dec 1999 08:19:54 -0500

Which should have been (normally)

Date:

Sat , 1 Jan 2000 00:19:54 +1100

All other outgoing emails have, as far as I can tell, been O.K. (and I sent several 100's at midnight) and quite a few replies back as confirmation.

This is indeed worrying!

Please check my "Check the date and time folks" post (and indeed this one). My original copy (fed back - not the sent version) denotes:

Sat, 01 Jan 2000 00:19:13 +1100

72/73's

Ian Purdie Budgewoi N.S.W. Australia - Co-ords 33o:14':00" S
151o:34':00" E
VK2TIP "I'll give you the TIP mate" QRP-L member #1978.
URL - <http://www.integritynet.com.au/~purdic/> URL -
<http://www.qsl.net/vk2tip/>

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 08:28:35 -0600
From: "Dan W. Dooley" <dandooley@pipeline.com>
To: <kc8aon@juno.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59171] Re: License Restructuring
Message-ID: <00a201bf539b\$52fe5860\$05987b7b@CSS0048.bergenbrunswick.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Dropping CW mode from their rigs. Hey, they haven't dropped AM mode from the rigs!

Dan W. Dooley WB5TKA Y2K Complacent
e-mail to: dandooley@pipeline.com
Si Hoc Legere Scis Nimium Eruditionis Habes
Oh no! My grandfather clock isn't Y2K compliant!

>>The dumbing down of America goes on. Yeacomwood will be dropping the
>>CW mode from their HF rigs within a year.

Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 11:30:03 -0700
From: tom whalen <wb5qyt@eFortress.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59172] Jones key, SKN(Straight Key Night)
Message-ID: <386BA4AB.29AD@eFortress.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Gang,

Any other users of the Jones Key? I am trying one out and really like it so far. It is not backpacking compliant, but sure is a dandy for home use! I can't find any info on this key. I have searched a few QST's and the web.

Don't forget SKN! Just in time for the restructuring issues, we can get on the air and have some fun with our favorite mode! Im going to alternate between my J-38 and Vibroplex bug.

Happy Y2K!!!! Got a couple pounds of beans and my batteries are charged!!

72, Tom WB5QYT..."Have spud will travel!"

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 09:54:22 -0500
From: "Jerry W. O'Dell" <jwodel@ameritech.net>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [59173] (groan) Restructuring
Message-ID: <4.2.0.58.19991231095200.00982f00@mailhost.det.ameritech.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

No one has mentioned the obvious move -- contacting your representative or senator if you don't like it.

Believe me, they listen. They will answer. Be sure to say that you voted for them. If FCC gets enough complaints from their bosses, things will change.

Don't sense much outrage, though.

73 jerry w8gnd

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 09:58:57 -0500 (EST)
From: "Paul R. Valko" <prvalko@oakland.edu>
To: QRP List <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [59174] I hated CW at 5wpm... you will too!
Message-ID: <Pine.OSF.4.20.9912310948020.18365-1000000@saturn3.acs.oakland.edu>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

If I had been able to become a near-no-code Extra (or even General, for that matter), I ~~*never*~~ would have learned the joy of CW. Forcing me to 13wpm was the only way I was going to get to the point where I could actually enjoy the code. You simply can not have a conversation at 5wpm.

Also, I never...

would have made a QRP QSO, let alone become a QRP fan.

would have made some incredible aurora QSOs on 6 and 2 meters.

would not have made RS-10 contacts using an FM transmitter and the PTT line.

would have had a QSO by clicking two alligator clips together when I forgot the microphone.

would have met you all.

Happy New Year.

73! =paul= W8KC

Collector of Ten*Tecs and other fine plastics.

Visit the Virtual Ten*Tec Museum at:

<<http://www.acs.oakland.edu/~prvalko>>

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 09:58:52 -0500
From: "Ron Polityka" <wb3aal@talon.net>
To: ". QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [59175] Re: Restructuring
Message-ID: <008c01bf539f\$8e3051a0\$7ae508cf@wb3aal>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Just remember one think.

The ARRL still has their W1AW Qualifying Runs.

Happy New Year!

72 & 73
Good DXing

Ron Polityka
de WB3AAL
wb3aal@talon.net

vvv Eastern Pennsylvania QRP Web Page vvv
http://www.kpsnet.com/wb3aal/Start_Page.htm
Eastern Pennsylvania QRP Club Call --> N3EPA

EPA QRP #1	NJ QRP #179
KL7 QRP # 309	G-QRP # 3031
ARCI QRP # 5318	10 - X #13173
NorCal	Zombie #625
ARS # 380	HI-QRP #153
VA QRP Society	

SETI @ Home Project
<http://setiathome.ssl.berkeley.edu>
120 + Work Units Completed

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 07:16:07 -0800
From: Bill Jones <kd7s@psnw.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [59176] You're Missing the Point
Message-ID: <386CC8B7.A897223E@psnw.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Friends,

The restructuring debate isn't about who did what to get a license. The real issue will be how much longer it will be before "they" demand expansion of the phone bands.

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Bill Jones - KD7S <><
Sanger, California
<http://www.psnw.com/~kd7s>
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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 10:19:29 -0500
From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
To: kc0bdw@netzero.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [59177] Re: License Restructuring
Message-ID: <386CC981.22E@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hal,

>

> Very well put Bruce..

>

Thanks. You know, I had my own issues with changes too. I was licensed in 1956, as a Novice, and got my Technician later that year. It took me until 1958 to do the General, and I thought I was set. I had full amateur priveleges so why do anything else.

Then Incentive Licensing came along and my priveleges were reduced, by law! I was hurt as much as I was annoyed. Fortunately I had a budding career at the time so I buried myself in work and decided if I wanted to return to the ham bands I would make my decision later!

Of course I did want to return to the ham bands. I was living in California, only one mile from Henry Radio, and often stopped by the store to see what was new. The bug bit, and I decided to again study for and take the tests. This time however I was going to go all the way so my priveleges were unlikely to be reduced. And they haven't!

I enjoy CW to the extent that I have only made one SSB QSO in the last year. However I don't feel that my CW skills are a 'badge of honor'. I learned it in 1956 and have brushed up on it several times over the years and I am more comfortable with it. I firmly believe anybody can do it if they are willing to reduce their distractions and study it in

the way they best learn it.

If you want to gain the proficiency then you will do it, regardless of testing or licensing. People learn foreign languages every day because they have to or want to. Immigrants come to America speaking only their native languages and a short time later they are speaking English. It does not seem hard for them, why should learning the code, a foreign language, sort of, be hard for us?

We have to admit that ham radio has changed, and make that a change for the better, or the FCC will decide we're just too much trouble. Cut out all the crap about cheap licenses and hurt feelings. Those people are only satisfying their egos!

Again, thanks for the comments. This message isn't really aimed at you, it is aimed at the whole list.

73

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 09:43:29 -0600
From: "Mark A. Andrews" <KE4IOF@HiWAAAY.net>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59178] Re: let's move on
Message-ID: <002301bf53a5\$c9a97b20\$0200a8c0@barracuda>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

You know, I'm really saddened by the way most of the people on this list are reacting. Whine, whine, whine, moan, moan, moan, grumble, grumble, grumble...

With regards to radio, those on this list are some of the most resourceful people I have ever had the privilege to associate with. I am in awe of most of you.

However, most of you don't see the new licensing plan as an opportunity. You see it as degrading; too bad.

I plan to get off my duff and get people into amateur radio now that I can offer them an something exciting and challenging without some archaic notion that everything in the hobby (some will inevitably remind me that it is a service - go ahead and do so) revolves around Morse code.

Is Morse code important? Absolutely, but no more so than RTTY, ATV, Packet,

SSB, AM, FM, etc. Is it more challenging? Again, ABSOLUTELY. But it is one SMALL aspect of Amateur Radio.

So, quit complaining about the lemons and go make some lemonade! Get in there and recruit all these new amateur operators that you are so sure are going to ruin your hobby and show them that even though 20 WPM is no longer required, that it is challenging and enjoyable. In other words, the Amateur service is what YOU put into it, not what newcomers bring themselves. YOU are the Elmers. Now, go do your job!

Mark

Mark A. Andrews - KE4IOF
QRP-L #146
www.KE4IOF.com

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 10:46:48 -0500
From: "AI2Q Alex" <ai2q@ispchannel.com>
To: "QRP-L (E-mail)" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59179] More HBR-20 homebrew receiver notes
Message-ID: <000401bf53a6\$404b0c80\$5c32a7d0@ispchannel.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

Having gotten a few responses about my 20 meter receiver project based on an old Heathkit VFO and KI6BP's HBR-20 article and schematic in Winter 1998 Communications Quarterly, I thought I'd update you. For anyone interested (in between all the hoopla and opinions concerning the Friendly Candy Company's decision to restructure), I added two amplifiers that really made the circuit come alive!

As I mentioned in a previous note, the sensitivity seemed FB, but there was still low output. That is, I had to strain to hear many of the stations that should otherwise have been louder. To see what could be done, I decided to feed the lil receiver's AF output into a few test audio amplifiers.

A Heathkit 1950s-style signal tracer was initially used, and, when cranked up, made listening better. I then tried feeding audio output into a 1999-style Texas Instruments Class D switched audio amplifier (on an eval board). That really gave me a pounding 20 watts of audio (!) but didn't make the receiver any more "listenable." In fact, just as you might expect, it

amplified receiver noise to the point where background hiss could be heard.
NG.

Obviously, with the front-end able to pick up the weak ones, the problem would have to be attacked in the IF. So, borrowing a page from the ol' 2N2/40 design, I decided to break out my jar of 2N2222 bipolar transistors and see what could be done.

First, I built up a common-base amplifier using three resistors, one bypass cap, and a single 2N2222. The idea of using a common-base config was to ensure that the circuit would be a good match for the existing low-impedance input transformer. The gain afforded by this additional stage at the input of the filter worked wonders. However, after listening around the band for awhile--and still feeling a lack of IF gain--I decided to add a post-xtal filter stage.

This time I selected a common-emitter configuration, as that would let me cut-and-try filter terminating resistor values, and give me about 10 dB of additional IF gain. I borrowed a circuit from K8IQY's 2N2/40 design, wound a 4:1 toroidal transformer, and placed the components on a postage stamp-sized piece of circuit board stock. I tacked it onto the main IF board, wired it in, an--voila!--the set nearly jumped off the workbench. It's hot! Stable and sensitive--and it sounds good--really good!

Now I'm able to evaluate how KI6BP's single-JFET audio-derived AGC scheme works, and I can report that it's not too good, as far as I'm concerned. I'm going to build up another little daughterboard using one of Doug DeMaw's 2-transistor AGC circuits, and see how that works (I'm also hoping to be able to drive my S-meter with it). I'll keep you posted.

The exercise of building this receiver and testing the original circuit indicates to me that the published circuit is essentially an "idea rig." It's a jumping off place, if you will, for anyone wishing to experiment. So, if you decide to duplicate the original as-published circuit, keep it modular, as you will likely wind up in a "cut and try" mode, where you'll learn a lot in the process.

I'd be happy to post my added circuits, or send them to anyone on the list who is interested.

Vie 73 and Happy New Year! -- I, Alex in Kennebunk, Maine RAP-L # 687
.-.-.

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 10:50:25 -0500
From: david fouchey <dafouchey@home.com>

To: ianpurdie@integritynet.com.au
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59180] Re: Y2K
Message-ID: <386CD0C1.72EBCC37@home.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Well, List server Re-dating aside, HAPPY NEW YEARS Ian. And next year when it turns over I'll wish you a happy new Millennium too...;-)

Dave
WA4EMR/8

"Ian C. Purdie VK2TIP" wrote:

>
> Hi People,
>
> In response to a herd of email. Australia has experienced NO Y2K
> problems.
>
> The only worrying experience so far - and you can bite your knuckles
> here - QRP-L has apparently (for the first time ever) re-dated and
> re-timed my original email 2000 greetings to Lehigh.EDU local time. I
> kid you not. Typical response:
>
> "The time I see in the headers is
>
> Date:
> Fri, 31 Dec 1999 08:19:54 -0500
>
> Which should have been (normally)
>
> Date:
> Sat , 1 Jan 2000 00:19:54 +1100
>
> All other outgoing emails have, as far as I can tell, been O.K. (and I
> sent several 100's at midnight) and quite a few replies back as
> confirmation.
>
> This is indeed worrying!
>
> Please check my "Check the date and time folks" post (and indeed this
> one). My original copy (fed back - not the sent version) denotes:
>
> Sat, 01 Jan 2000 00:19:13 +1100
>
> 72/73's

>
> Ian Purdie Budgewoi N.S.W. Australia - Co-ords 33o:14':00" S
> 151o:34':00" E
> VK2TIP "I'll give you the TIP mate" QRP-L member #1978.
> URL - <http://www.integritynet.com.au/~purdic/> URL -
> <http://www.qsl.net/vk2tip/>

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 10:54:28 -0500
From: "AI2Q Alex" <ai2q@ispchannel.com>
To: "QRP-L (E-mail)" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59181] RE: More HBR-20 homebrew receiver notes
Message-ID: <000501bf53a7\$52797a80\$5c32a7d0@ispchannel.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

RE: More HBR-20 homebrew receiver notes

Sorry. My signature should have said "Vy 73," not "Vie 73." It's the spell checker--honest. I haven't had any champagne---yet!!

Vy 73, AI2Q, Alex in Kennebunk, Maine QRP-L # 687 .-.-.

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 11:00:48 -0500
From: Jerry Flanders <jflanders2@home.com>
To: osier@northnet.org
Cc: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [59182] Re: only a Tech-plus.....
Message-ID: <3.0.1.32.19991231110048.00a66d70@mail>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

When restructuring was proposed about 18 months ago, I took a poll at my local radio club and it turned out that 2/3 of the guys (mostly OTs like myself) agreed with the proposal to reduce the code requirement. National polls are about the same, but may be swayed by anti-code sentiment.

I passed my 20 wpm in an FCC office back when you had to do a solid 60 seconds of copy and could do that again today if challenged, but I am pleased with the new test requirements. Maybe now we can get some more of those smart EE's who can actually make a contribution to the science and art.

Upgrade and try some of the (other) digital modes on HF. Lots of fun, and I will be there to work you.

Jerry W4UK

At 11:59 PM 12/30/99 -0500, you wrote:

>Hello All ,
>
>After reading all the posts from others ...some good ...some bad.....
>I feel ashamedbeing a "lowly" Tech-Plus I feel I am not worthy
>.....
>SNIP
>
>George , N2JNZ / QRP
>
>

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 07:57:58 -0800
From: Paul Erickson <paule@sfu.ca>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59183] Cleaning shack
Message-ID: <386CD286.2FD086BC@sfu.ca>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

In the process of cleaning up, I came across some old manuals etc. that I have no need for.

IC-22s
Lil' Buzzer Keyer
Kenwood VF0-240
Heathkit HWA-7-1 power supply
Heathkit HD-1410 electronic keyer

An SASE and they are yours.

cheers, Paul - VA7NT (ex VE7CQK) - email: paule@sfu.ca

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 16:08:11 -0000
From: "Walt Amos" <waltamos@surfree.com>

To: "Qrp-1 Posts" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [59184] whine : hooray for the far thinking FCC
Message-ID: <002501bf53a9\$3db95dc0\$3a891b26@walthk8cv>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hooray!!

This will make all the people carry there computers to the curb for Monday pickup and rush out to there RADIO store and buy a nice new yaecomwood transceiver and tower and beam and power supply and rotor and mike and BIG HOOTIE LINEAR, but no proffi key !! or keyer !!

SOON to come from far thinking gover-mint will be the release of unused lower frequencies in all amateur bands as the crowds of new yaecomwood users DEMAND more frequencies and room to use there new MICROPHONES that they paid big bucks for at there local RADIO STORE !!

CW IS DEAD ANYWAY YES IT IS !!

NOW !!

Walt K8CV Royal Oak, Michigan K-2, original knob and I sneak out to the shack late at night and worry about the PA option!
Walt K8CV Royal Oak, Michigan K-2, original knob and I sneak out to the shack late at night and worry about the PA option!

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 16:16:00 -0000
From: "Walt Amos" <waltamos@surfree.com>
To: "Qrp-1 Posts" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>, <Drbob92031@aol.com>
Subject: [59185] Re: the bright side of restructuring
Message-ID: <003f01bf53aa\$573378c0\$3a891b26@walthk8cv>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Ah, Dream on

Why would anyone who has passed the 5 wpm test ever want to operate CW
..... YUCK NO NEVER !!

Where is the mike and the power switch on the ALPHA !!

Hummmmmmmmm, sure are a lot of guys here and nobody down at the bottom of the band, just a few birds with there feet stuck in tar going peep peep or some other form of unknown language. Open the bands up let light and air in phone to the BOTTOM will be the CRY of the E-LITE new operators !! Phone NOW !!

Walt k8cv

----- Original Message -----

From: <Drbob92031@aol.com>

To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Friday, December 31, 1999 03:28

Subject: the bright side of restructuring

> Hi to all;
> I know that at first blush this removal of any incentive to improve ones
> ability and knowledge of CW seems like a low blow. But looking at it from
the
> practical stance....There will be a heck of a lot less operators using CW.
> This means to me that SSB will perhaps become like CB but the lower band
> segments for CW will be a pleasure. Perhaps the expression of "QRM" will
go
> the way of the higher code speed tests
> Gone...phased out.
> There must be a lot of rich kids out there because the cost of a store
bought
> rig is very high. Perhaps there will be a resurgence of home brewing. Ah
to
> dream...
>
> 72/73....de Bob.. WA2EAW
>

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 09:10:23 -0700

From: Bob Hightower <ki7mn@extremezone.com>

To: osier@northnet.org

Cc: qrp-l@lehigh.edu

Subject: [59186] Re: only a Tech-plus.....

Message-ID: <199912311609.JAA00167@enterprise.extremezone.com>

Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 11:59 PM 12/30/99 -0500, you wrote:

>Hello All ,

>
>After reading all the posts from others ...some good ...some bad.....
>I feel ashamedbeing a "lowly" Tech-Plus I feel I am not worthy
>.....

You shouldn't feel that way at all...you have tried to increase your speed, haven't you? Sure you have. I'll bet the problem is the same as mine....fear of the test, not the ability to copy higher speeds. I found that working contests was detrimental to my increase in copy speed, as I new what the exchange was going to be, and didn't have to worry about the content of the message...if I missed it, I could always hang around and get it on the next guy's contact.

>During the lull of the solar cycle I worked code for about 4 yrs
>..learning and working...
>But never able to get the 13 WPM..... not that I wasnt trying !!!!

Keep trying....take as many practice tests as you can, take the test as often as you can, listen to ragchewers on the band.
I know it seems a waste now, but the personal satisfaction I got from doing it was well worth it.

>I still work both modes and enjoy them both , but I will think hard
>about upgrading now.

>Yet it seems that unless I do my upgrade the "old" way it wont mean
>squat what Ive done !!!
>

No matter how you do it, it will be worth it, and it will mean something to you and to those who know you.

Hang in there! You can do it.
>

Bob Hightower KI7MN
Chandler, AZ

<http://www.extremezone.com/~ki7mn>

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 16:28:51 -0000
From: "Walt Amos" <waltamos@surfree.com>
To: "Qrp-l Posts" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [59187] restructuring: no interest in CW
Message-ID: <005901bf53ac\$23fe1e40\$3a891b26@waltk8cv>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;

charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

These new e-lite hams will certainly have no interest in CW of all things!
My god, if they did they would have already passed the OLD license and be "
one of us " , no , they will throw the code records out and never touch a
key again. Our sacred CW BANDS are safe! Yes , SAFE!

FOR NOW!

Next year, kiss them good bye!

Walt K8CV Royal Oak, Michigan K-2, original knob and I sneak out to the
shack late at night and worry about the PA option!

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 09:35:58 -0500
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: <dandooley@pipeline.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-
l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59188] Re: only a Tech-plus.....
Message-ID: <001101bf53ae\$dbfeff80\$9001a8c0@wn.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

You know....

I wonder... With the 'levels' for CW proficiency gone, or going away
soon, I wonder what 'plateaus' people will hit with their code speed?

Will they stay the same? Will there even be plateaus in code speed
as we see them now? Or one people get into it and start doing it,
will their skill progression just be a smooth (although probably not
too linear) rise with time and practice?

Mike

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 10:46:54 -0600
From: "Dan W. Dooley" <dandooley@pipeline.com>
To: <myetsko@insydesw.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-
l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [59189] RE: only a Tech-plus.....
Message-ID: <000201bf53ae\$a4dfab80\$04987b7b@dooleydw>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

I'm not convinced that 'plateaus' will be more of an issue than they've ever been. The people who get into CW the most are those who enjoy it. With enjoyment of any activity comes repetitiveness (we want to keep doing it) and thus comes proficiency.

Some pass the code test just to get the license and determine never to touch CW again. Others determine now or perhaps at some point in the future that they are going to use it and will do so and grow in proficiency according to effort and some ability. Some may make an initial determination that they don't like it, but years later for one reason or other, 'discover' it and decide; "hey, this is fun afterall!"

That's one of the things about us humans. We change. We like something we hated earlier in life and we hate something we loved earlier in life. At least that's the way it is with me. Ask me about my interest in computers 15 years ago....

Dan W. Dooley - WB5TKA Y2K Complacent
e-mail to: <mailto:dandooley@pipeline.com>
Si Hoc Legere Scis Nimium Eruditionis Habes
Oh no! My grandfather clock isn't Y2K compliant!

> -----Original Message-----
> From: owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU [mailto:owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU]On Behalf Of
> Mike Yetsko
> Sent: Friday, December 31, 1999 8:36 AM
> To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
> Subject: Re: only a Tech-plus.....
>
>
> You know....
>
> I wonder... With the 'levels' for CW proficiency gone, or going away
> soon, I wonder what 'plateaus' people will hit with their code speed?
>
> Will they stay the same? Will there even be plateaus in code speed
> as we see them now? Or one people get into it and start doing it,

> will their skill progression just be a smooth (although probably not
> too linear) rise with time and practice?
>
> Mike
>

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 09:03:01 -0600
From: "Bill Allen" <bill@pcatexas.com>
To: <wb3aal@talon.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59190] Re: Restructuring
Message-ID: <000601bf53a0\$247feee0\$356840ce@bill.ou-town.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Also remember, there are other CW clubs and organizations the also do
certifications, for even higher rates than 20wpm.

73
kc5adf
Bill Allen

-----Original Message-----
From: Ron Polityka <wb3aal@talon.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Date: Friday, December 31, 1999 9:00 AM
Subject: Re: Restructuring

>Just remember one think.
>
>The ARRL still has their W1AW Qualifying Runs.
>
>Happy New Year!
>
>72 & 73
>Good DXing
>
>Ron Polityka
>de WB3AAL
>wb3aal@talon.net
>
>vvv Eastern Pennsylvania QRP Web Page vvv
>http://www.kpsnet.com/wb3aal/Start_Page.htm

>Eastern Pennsylvania QRP Club Call --> N3EPA
>
>EPA QRP #1 NJ QRP #179
>KL7 QRP # 309 G-QRP # 3031
>ARCI QRP # 5318 10 - X #13173
>NorCal Zombie #625
>ARS # 380 HI-QRP #153
>VA QRP Society
>
>SETI @ Home Project
><http://setiathome.ssl.berkeley.edu>
>120 + Work Units Completed

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 08:55:57 -0800
From: "Ward Hill, N1IE" <w_hill@ns.net>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [59191] Dumbing down of America
Message-ID: <000701bf53af\$ec15d820\$4d0f9fcf@0zpu5>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

All you have to do to understand what the FCC has done is to watch TV. The new "HOT" shows, "Greed" and "So you want to be a Millionaire" prove my point. Amateur Radio now has joined in this dumb down. Soon Cracker Jack boxes will come fully equipped with the necessary paperwork for access to all of the modes of operation. Just wait, soon the FCC will be selling your current TV spectrum and you will have to get a new TV. I wonder when the sale of the HAM spectrum will begin. God help us all.

Ward Hill, N1IE, A real Amateur Extra
EX China Laker
EX Vandenberg AFB Space Shuttle
Engineer KOVR-TV
www.kovr13.com

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 09:33:13 -0700
From: "Gail Perkins" <maggie98@email.msn.com>
To: <Ronald_A_Pfeiffer@res.raytheon.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59192] Re: FS:DSW20

Message-ID: <000201bf53b0\$5e86b820\$b9ac0e3f@maggie>

Hey Ron-

Tell me about that 2N2/40 please. Is there a web page?

Tnx

Kevin, KA7GQX

Phoenix, AZ

----- Original Message -----

From: <Ronald_A_Pfeiffer@res.raytheon.com>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Friday, December 31, 1999 7:12 AM

Subject: FS:DSW20

> I have an unbuilt DSW20 plus enclosure for sale.

> Price is what I paid, \$135 shipped in CONUS.

>

> I've decided to try my hand at the 2N2/40.

>

> Tnx - Ron N1ZSW

>

>

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 12:38:07 +0000

From: "Steven Weber" <kd1jv@moose.ncia.net>

To: wb5qyt@eFortress.com

Cc: qrp-l@lehigh.edu

Subject: [59193] Re: Jones key, SKN(Straight Key Night)

Message-ID: <199912311718.MAA08253@wolf.ncia.net>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII

Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Hey Tom,

>

> Any other users of the Jones Key? I am trying one out and really like it

> so far. It is not backpacking compliant, but sure is a dandy for home

> use! I can't find any info on this key. I have searched a few QST's and

> the web.

>

I got one a few months ago. Just the other day I finally got around

to making a few Q's with it. It sure is some massive key! (1.6 kg)
The top of the fingure knob is 2 1/2" off the table. I found my
wrist was getting tired quickly, so I made a wrist support out of
some styrafoam and that helps alot.

I was told by the German fellow I bought the key from that Peter
Jones stoped making the keys about 2 years ago. One of our UK friends
might be able to tell us more about Jones. I might have built one of
the last unassembled Jones keys around :-)

Chris Rees, G3TUX runs the Jones key registry, so if you bought a
used key, sending him the serial number might let you know who owned
the key in the past, if they registered it.

Peter Jones made the hand pump key, a single and dual lever paddle,
with either a Red enamel, natural brass or gold plate base. I have
the brass base, sn 100205

Enjoy your Jones key, Tom!

72,
Steve, KD1JV in the white Mountains of New Hampshire
"melt solder"

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 12:38:36 -0500
From: "Steve Hanson" <ke1lg@qsilver.net>
To: <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59194] Help-Need Digest mode
Message-ID: <00a801bf53b5\$de13f8a0\$8195e3d8@mint.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

How can I set QRP-L for Digest mode-
usual method is not working.

Many thanks,
ke1lg@qsilver.net

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 11:35:23 -0600
From: "Dan W. Dooley" <dandooley@pipeline.com>

To: <psk31@bipt106.bi.ehu.es>, <Hellschreiber@onelist.com>, "QRP List" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59195] Butternut antenna question
Message-ID: <001801bf53b5\$7521d240\$05987b7b@CSS0048.bergenbrunswick.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

For anyone running one of the Butternut verticals, esp. HF9V, and elevated, where do you have the 30M assembly taped into the 40M coil? This is the circuit making up 20Meters.

It looks like the default position is on the 4th turn from the top on the 40M coil. To raise resonant freq., you lower the tap. To lower it, you raise the tap. Mine is currently set on the third turn and is tilted further up the turn. The curve still favors the higher side of the band. I want it to favor the lower part.

The antenna is elevated to 16 ft at the base and uses resonant radials.

Dan W. Dooley WB5TKA Y2K Complacent
e-mail to: dandoooley@pipeline.com
Si Hoc Legere Scis Nimium Eruditionis Habes
Oh no! My grandfather clock isn't Y2K compliant!

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 12:50:20 -0500
From: sergio <sruiz@bright.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59196] antenna testing on 10m..
Message-ID: <386CECDB.E629EFBC@bright.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

is anyone gonna be on 10m sometime today? i am here for an hour, and would like to test out my antenna..

--

peace,
sergio
<http://www.bright.net/~sruiz> - "the village buzz"

"quoting other people is really lame and unoriginal..." -sergio

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 10:53:59 -0700
From: Bob Nielsen <nielsen@primenet.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [59197] Re: Restructuring my thought
Message-ID: <19991231105359.D24770@bob.localnet>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Right on, Rod.

CW should be viewed as a privilege, not an obstacle.

Bob, W6SWE

On Thu, Dec 30, 1999 at 06:25:02PM -0700, Rod Cercone wrote:

> I am disappointed to see the code requirement lowered.
>
> I'm proud that I got my Extra by demonstrating proficiency at 20wpm.
>
> But let's face it, the times they are a changin'. Let us not bicker
> about the goodness or badness of change. Bickering is likely to
> alienate those who are considering joining the Amateur Radio ranks.
>
> More than likely, if we offer a open cordial attitude, many more will
> enter the ranks, many will discover the "joy of CW". Let's help them
> do that. Not drive them away with angry/disparaging dialogue.

--

Bob Nielsen, W6SWE (RN2) nielsen@primenet.com
Tucson, AZ DM42nh QRP-L #1985 <http://www.primenet.com/~nielsen>

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 09:57:08 -0800 (PST)
From: Curt Milton <wb8yyy@yahoo.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59198] RE: the bright side of restructuring
Message-ID: <19991231175708.23966.qmail@web2002.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Just a few thoughts. First, rule making is difficult
and the "subjects" will always find something that

could be different.

Interesting is that no one gets a free ride to a new class, that all must pass their way to a new class if they are not a general or extra. And wise that for now there is no change in how spectrum is allocated per mode.

CW as a requirement for HF is retained, and the need for waivers and all the associated abuse is gone. I do agree that we need to retain some "Novice" CW band segments for learners and slow speed operation. But it is also good that CW "novices" can operate in the main stream when there is BC QRM or no one to talk to up there. I do admit I am surprised that the 12 wpm requirement was not included, but with the elimination of phoney waivers should suffice. Let's hope the FCC exercises wisdom to retain enough spectrum for CW! I would hope at least 150 kHz on each band, realizing this spectrum is also used for RTTY and all the digital modes.

As long as there are amateurs with keys and paddles we will continue to exercise CW.

73 to all and happy new year.

Curt WB8YYY
Eldersburg, MD

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<http://messenger.yahoo.com>

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 13:10:10 -0500 (EST)
From: QRP <qrp@email.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [59199] Hobby of Shame Response
Message-ID: <380740104.946663810725.JavaMail.root@web07.pub01>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I've received a lot of private response on this dumbing down business - I'm in the digest mode so I won't know until this evening if there are a bunch of other replies as well.

What has surprised me about the responses I've received is how eager people are to accept everything they're told to do. We've become so accustomed to accepting corporate control, environmental damage, and government stupidity that we label those who speak up as "Whiners." Although there's a lot of comfort and security in aligning our philosophies with the dominant paradigm we are losing everything that is of meaning. In a few years all that will be left will be shopping malls, some football games, and a bunch of CBers...

Roger J. Wendell
WBOJNR
<http://www.rwendell.com>

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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 13:32:44 -0500
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: "Dan W. Dooley" <dandooley@pipeline.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59200] Re: only a Tech-plus.....
Message-ID: <003601bf53bd\$d2da27e0\$9001a8c0@wn.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
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Actually, I was raising the issue of the 'plateaus' seriously. I think that in a lot of cases, we push ourselves to reach a certain point with any skill, then try to make that final grasp to a new level once we're close. At that point, we haven't correctly attained that new level, but have 'hopped' onto it trying for that last surge.

I just think it will be interesting that people who are into CW operation will now no longer have the 'outside' milestones they must meet and be measured against. Now the speed will be strictly based on the fact that they are doing something they are having fun with, and as the speed goes up, it will because of what they are doing, not to meet an arbitrary external yardstick.

Mike

> I'm not convinced that 'plateaus' will be more of an issue than
they've ever
> been. The people who get into CW the most are those who enjoy it.
With
> enjoyment of any activity comes repetitiveness (we want to keep doing
it)
> and thus comes proficiency.
>
> Some pass the code test just to get the license and determine never to
touch
> CW again. Others determine now or perhaps at some point in the future
that
> they are going to use it and will do so and grow in proficiency
according to
> effort and some ability. Some may make an initial determination that
they
> don't like it, but years later for one reason or other, 'discover' it
and
> decide; "hey, this is fun afterall!"
>
> That's one of the things about us humans. We change. We like
something we
> hated earlier in life and we hate something we loved earlier in life.
At
> least that's the way it is with me. Ask me about my interest in
computers
> 15 years ago....
>
>
> Dan W. Dooley - WB5TKA Y2K Complacent
> e-mail to: <mailto:dandooley@pipeline.com>
> Si Hoc Legere Scis Nimium Eruditionis Habes
> Oh no! My grandfather clock isn't Y2K compliant!
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>
> > -----Original Message-----
> > From: owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU [mailto:owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU]On
Behalf Of
> > Mike Yetsko
> > Sent: Friday, December 31, 1999 8:36 AM
> > To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
> > Subject: Re: only a Tech-plus.....

> >
> >
> > You know....
> >
> > I wonder... With the 'levels' for CW proficiency gone, or going
away
> > soon, I wonder what 'plateaus' people will hit with their code
speed?
> >
> > Will they stay the same? Will there even be plateaus in code speed
> > as we see them now? Or one people get into it and start doing it,
> > will their skill progression just be a smooth (although probably not
> > too linear) rise with time and practice?
> >
> > Mike
> >
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>

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 10:36:24 -0800
From: "Kory Hamzeh" <kory@avatar.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [59201] RE: Hobby of Shame
Message-ID: <000101bf53bd\$f1000d20\$14ce21c7@tomcat.avatar.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

>
> Why have any requirements for ham licenses at all? Let's just
> eliminate testing altogether so we can sell more radios,
> subscriptions, and memberships. It's been ten years since anyone
> thought of sporting their license on a resume or list of life
> achievements. Come April 15th your license will mean even less...
>
> WB0JNR
> Roger J. Wendell
> Aurora, Colorado
>

I know, lets all march down to the FCC office, chain ourselves to the
building, and go on a hunger strike! That'll show 'em. Ya, thats it!

Come on guys! This is suppose to be a f*cking hobby! Get a life!

Kory
AC6RN

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 14:04:42 +0000
From: "Steven Weber" <kd1jv@moose.ncia.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [59202] Restructuring
Message-ID: <199912311845.NAA23017@wolf.ncia.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Guess I've throw in my 2 cents.

Personally, it think its about time. Incentive licensing was a disaster and is amazing it took 30 some years to get rid of it! (Gad, I've been a ham that long!)

We can only hope these changes bring in some new blood, or our HF bands could very well end up the domain of wireless modums.

72,
Steve, KD1JV in the white Mountains of New Hampshire
"melt solder"

Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 13:54:00 -0500
From: Ken Newman <N2CQ@citnet.com>
To: akqrp@gci.net, CQCLOWDOWN@aol.com, n2apb@amsat.org, QRP-L@lehigh.edu, njqrp@njqrp.org, wb3aal@talon.net
Subject: [59203] CONTEST: QRP Calendar - Jan 2000
Message-ID: <3.0.6.32.19991231135400.008d4e50@mail.citnet.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

QRP Contesters,

I hope you'll find something here for QRP Contesting this month that you can enjoy!

Don't forget the reliable ARS Spartan Sprint on the first Monday evening of every month. (0200 UTC Tuesday).

Happy New Year!!

QRP CALENDAR

JANUARY 2000

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AGCW Happy New Year Contest (CW)...QRP Category

Jan 1 - 0900z to 1200z

Rules: <http://home.sol.no/~jana1me/rules/agcw-dl.txt>

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Y2K QRP Contest (CW, SSB,PSK-31 & FM) ... QRP Contest!

Jan 1 - 1200z to 2400z

Rules: <http://www.arrl.org/contests/months/jan.html>

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Original QRP Contest (CW) ... QRP Category

Jan 1 - 1500z to Jan 2 - 1500z

Rules: <http://home.sol.no/~jana1me/htmlrules/original.html>

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Adventure Radio Society - Spartan Sprint (CW) ... QRP Contest!

Jan 4 - 0200z to 0400z

Rules: http://www.natworld.com/ars/pages/spartan_sprints/ss_rules.html

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AGCW-DL QRP Winter Contest (CW) ... QRP Contest!

Jan 8 - 1500z to Jan 9 - 1500z

Rules: <http://home.sol.no/~jana1me/rules/agcwdl.txt>

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ARRL RTTY Roundup ... QRP QRM?

Jan 8 - 1800z to Jan 9 - 2400z

Rules: <http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/rtty.html>
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North American QSO Party (CW) ... QRP Interest

Jan 8 - 1800z to Jan 9 - 0600z

Rules: <http://www.waterw.com/~ncj/naqso.htm>  
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2000 CW QRP Contest ... QRP Contest!

Jan 15 - 1200z to Jan 16 - 2359z

Rules: <http://www.tir.com/~n8cqa/rules2000.htm>
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North American QSO Party (SSB) ... QRP Interest

Jan 15 - 1800z to Jan 16 - 0600z

Rules: <http://www.waterw.com/~ncj/naqso.htm>  
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ARRL VHF Sweepstakes ... QRP Portable Category

Jan 22 - 1900z to Jan 24 - 0400z

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/01vhfss.html>
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CQ WW 160-Meter DX Contest (CW) ... QRP Category

Jan 28 - 2200z to Jan 30 - 1600z

Rules: <http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/160rules99.html>

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UBA DX Contest (Belgian) (SSB) ... QRP Category

Jan 29 - 1300z to Jan 30 1300z

Rules: <http://www.uba.be/Engels/framesgb.htm>
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72 de

Ken Newman - N2CQ

Woodbury, NJ

N2CQ@ARRL.NET

~~~QRP Contest Calendar~~~

<http://www.njqrp.org/data/contesting.html>

~~~WQ2RP NJQRP Club Station~~~

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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 14:10:50 -0500 (EST)

From: James Skalski <[jskalski@localnet.com](mailto:jskalski@localnet.com)>

To: Steven Weber <[kd1jv@moose.ncia.net](mailto:kd1jv@moose.ncia.net)>

Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <[qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU](mailto:qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU)>

Subject: [59204] Re: Restructuring

Message-ID:

<[Pine.LNX.4.20.9912311357340.5481-1000000@valhalla.valhalla.buffalo.edu](mailto:Pine.LNX.4.20.9912311357340.5481-1000000@valhalla.valhalla.buffalo.edu)>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

I would like to see more mass produced rigs at low prices. If the new rules invite more hams; that would be great. Maybe more qrp types will converted. If computers were only available in the university setting they would probably cost \$10,000.

I got my ticket when I was about 14. I had to go to the FCC office for the general and extra ticket. It was a good experience. Was it necessary to operate a rig? Probably not. Either way, it wasn't rocket science.

Maybe a ham should be able to demonstrate competency in using all the controls on a radio when he purchases it. Maybe that would be enough. I was not satisfied with only the entry level information required. I am constantly learning new stuff because it is interesting.

I bet that there are older hams that could learn a lot about new modes and incorporating new technology into the hobby. Maybe some of the "restructured hams" will show them how.

73,

Jim n2go

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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 14:06:52 -0500  
From: D Bullard <dbullard@negia.net>  
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [59205] Express yourself without profanity please!  
Message-ID: <3.0.5.32.19991231140652.00a32420@pop.negia.net>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

I have been on the QRP list continuously since October 1994. It doesn't bother me to hear opinions that differ from mine. When one of the hot topics pops up for the umpteenth time about code/ nocode or now, the latest discussion of the FCC's new changes, I just bite my tongue. We all have an opinion on these topics.

I'm not god and I'm not the QRP list police. I'm just a member of this fine group. I do, however, take exception to those who can't express an opinion without using profanity. You can hardly go to a fast food place or grocery store without hearing somebody spouting a bunch of filth without regard to the rights of others. If you want to use profanity around your wife and kids, that's your business. Please respect my rights and those of my wife and kids who may read this list.

I wish Chuck had not quit his oversight of the QRP list. Hopefully we can 'police' ourselves. By and large we seem to have been doing a pretty good job.

73,

Don WA4IML

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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 14:27:28 -0500  
From: hattonte@gdls.com  
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [59206] Restructuring  
Message-ID: <0F11E21354.EEBECCDD-ON85256858.006A31AF@gdls.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

"Read it and weep"

So the FCC has finally reorganized us. At least they have reduced their administrative costs. And, in the true modern spirit of instant gratification, it will now be REAL easy to hit the HF bands with a kilowatt. Wow! We can bore the entire world with endless mindless knitting circles, just like on 2 meters. Thank you, Santa FCC.

Here is a suggestion for the next FCC Re-org:- Admin. costs can be eliminated by removing the FCC entirely and issuing Extra licences at the same time as Birth Certificates.

"Breaker-Breaker"

Terry KI8JA

ps- Passed MY 20 wpm just before Christmas, Gloat gloat.

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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 20:43:25 GMT  
From: "Bill Todd" <zapzap73@hotmail.com>  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [59207] SKN @ N7MFB  
Message-ID: <19991231204325.48160.qmail@hotmail.com>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

Hello QRP-Lers -

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& participate in the Straight Key Night.

C U on 40 meters!  
Bill-N7MFB

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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 13:52:00 -0700  
From: "Ron Smith" <resmith666@uswest.net>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [59208] 2 Cents...  
Message-ID: <011601bf53d0\$e7787f40\$0200000a@NET.uswest.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
        charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Just think of it this way -- there are those who enjoy RTTY and SSTV. They were not required to demonstrate proficiency in those modes -- but learned it on their own and LOVE it! Same for code. Code is here to stay -- for those who love it. Code will die for those who have from the beginning hated it.

Personally, I intend to get my code speed up to 45 head copy! That's just MY personal goal. Will the fact that there is no 20 wpm test for Extra stop me? Hardly!

My 2 cents worth...

Back in my hole...

Ron Smith - KD7VD - Boise, Idaho

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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 14:52:58 -0600  
From: Mike <mmorrow@companet.net>  
To: rmcconne@lightlink.com  
Cc: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [59209] Re: the bright side of restructuring  
Message-ID: <386D17AA.4301@companet.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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Robert,

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The new licensing structure will just open the door to a new sub-class of ham, the majority of whom will have passed the Extra simply through memorization of a study guide.

A new elite indeed!

Best Regards,

Mike / KK5F  
Let's have a chicken in every pot,  
An Extra for every ham/CBer!

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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 15:59:57 -0500  
From: Brian <brian@iquest.net>  
To: w6toy@erols.com  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [59210] Re: License Restructuring  
Message-ID: <386D194D.8559CB4D@iquest.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Bruce, I've been critical of a lot of your posts on this list, and I have kept my comments about them in personal email between us and not here...but this time you have gone too far.

THIS IS THE MOST EXCELLENT POST I'VE SEEN IN QRP-L IN DAYS.

Thank you!

Everyone needs to read it again, and then please can we GET BACK TO QRP.

Bruce Muscolino wrote:

>  
> Well the other shoe has dropped. The CW requirements have been reduced  
> to 5 wpm for all tests, making upgrading a matter of studying the book.  
>  
> Is it so bad as to warrant the 50 or so self-serving messages that have  
> been posted so far?  
>  
> I think not. Amateur radio has changed. Maybe you haven't noticed the  
> changes. We used to be a hobby of equipment builders who worked mostly  
> CW. Then came phone - it will ruin our hobby! Then came SSB, and FM,  
> and data, and a dozen other modes that were going to be the death of the  
> hobby. None of them killed it. We just found ways to use them to our  
> advantage.  
>  
> It is true, we are no longer a hobby that provides a ready reserve of  
> operators to the military. That was the principle reason for keeping CW  
> speed requirements so high. But the military's requirements have  
> changed too. No longer do they need a person they can put in front of a  
> BC-342 and ask to copy code immediately! They are using SSB, and FM,  
> and data modes to communicate. Yes, there is still a place for us in  
> emergencies. Health and welfare traffic have not changed. Just the  
> military stuff!  
>  
> Relax, your license will not be worth less. To begin with you are just  
> another call among many! There is no place where your licensing date  
> can be looked up, unless you hang around the FCC or the QRZ web page  
> every day! And who cares? If you can do 20+ wpm then do it. If you  
> can only do 5 wpm then do it. If you can increase your code speed, and  
> want to, then do it. Just stop complaining!  
>  
> 73

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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 16:02:33 -0500  
From: Ron Majewski <majewski@erim-int.com>  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [59211] Happiness is ...  
Message-ID: <199912312102.QAA28673@sdag200a>

Hi All-

Great things often come in small packages, and today I have proof of that.

The letter carrier brought me a QSL card from Nebraska for a QRP CW contact made two years ago. This completes my 40m QRP WAS. Hooray!

It took four years to do it but it was great fun. My thanks go out to the fifty operators that helped me achieve this goal. Some of you are on this list.

I'm happy dancing here in Michigan tonight. :)

A Happy and Healthy New Year to all!

72,

Ron (W8RU).

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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 16:06:46 -0500  
From: "J. Ervin Bates" <w8erv@email.msn.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [59212] Re: the bright side of restructuring  
Message-ID: <01d301bf53d2\$f2e51440\$82451b3f@win98>

"If ANY of the predominantly CW-oriented members of the QRP community see NO problem with the licensing restructure, then they had better not be surprised at the inevitable loss of most of the CW-only subbands."

After more than 24 hours of this barrage, I have one more comment and then I plan to delete everything to do with this whine-a-thon til it goes away.

I'll repeat my comment for those that weren't paying attention. Yes, it IS only MY comment, but I think there are many who agree.

Either we stop whining and crying in our saki over this and ELMER the new group, or we DO take a chance on losing what we have. The sky is NOT falling, the world is NOT coming to an end and Y2K is NOT going to kill your computer! Get over it.....do what you are supposed to do and stop this nonsense.

And before I get flamed to death, I am a newly minted Advanced class licensee and I don't necessarily agree with the FCC, but I AM intelligent enough to see that we have something we can do about this. My heavens!

You want a group of "CB'ers" out here, harrassing the snot out of you, just keep this crap up and it is SURE to happen!

72/73/Happy Y2K (can we PLEASE return to QRP discussion?),  
Erv W8ERV

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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 16:01:19 -0500  
From: "Anthony Hogue" <hogue@isni.net>  
To: <mmorrow@companet.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [59213] Re: the bright side of restructuring  
Message-ID: <029a01bf53d2\$30b0e480\$45b4a0d0@oemcomputer>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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Just think in 10 years the FCC will merge the 10 and 11 meter bands and all the hams will be concentrated with the CB operators.

AHogue

----- Original Message -----

From: "Mike" <mmorrow@companet.net>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Sent: Friday, December 31, 1999 3:52 PM  
Subject: Re: the bright side of restructuring

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From: Mike <mmorrow@companet.net>  
To: w8erv@email.msn.com  
Cc: qrp-1@lehigh.edu

Subject: [59214] Re: the bright side of restructuring  
Message-ID: <386D1BEC.448B@companet.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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Kindly explain your logic here. The great majority of competent amateurs are worried about the give-away nature of the new licences. In life, one loses rights and priveledges by NOT complaining and acting.

I'm writing my congressmen this weekend.

Best regards,

Mike / KK5F

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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 16:18:55 -0500  
From: "KC1DI-DOR" <ELBC@PIVOT.NET>  
To: <GQRP@onelist.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [59215] New Year ,  
Message-ID: <003001bf53d4\$a5fc22c0\$3510a1d0@elbc>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

NEW YEARS GREETINGS TO ALL KC1DI AND FAMILY SEE YOU ON THE AIR IN 2000

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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 14:22:36 -0700  
From: "Ron Smith" <resmith666@uswest.net>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [59216] Re: Dumbing down of America  
Message-ID: <014f01bf53d5\$443ab1e0\$0200000a@NET.uswest.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

> I wonder when the

> sale of the HAM spectrum will begin. God help us all.

Too Late Ward -- take a look at 220 and 440!!!!

Ron Smith - KD7VD - Boise, Idaho

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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 16:16:39 -0500  
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>  
To: <w\_hill@ns.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [59217] Re: Dumbing down of America  
Message-ID: <00ce01bf53d5\$a514b380\$0dfefea9@dads-hp>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

You know, Ward, I was willing to take your posting tounge-in-cheek without offense.

But then, you know, there WILL be some narrow minded idiots who WILL take your signing seriously, and start making distinctions between old and new Extras.

Mike

>All you have to do to understand what the FCC has done is to watch TV. The  
>new "HOT" shows, "Greed" and "So you want to be a Millionaire" prove my  
>point. Amateur Radio now has joined in this dumb down. Soon Cracker Jack  
>boxes will come fully equiped with the necessary paperwork for access to  
all  
>of the modes of operation. Just wait, soon the FCC will be selling your  
>current TV spectrum and you will have to get a new TV. I wonder when the  
>sale of the HAM spectrum will begin. God help us all.  
>  
>Ward Hill, N1IE, A real Amateur Extra  
>EX China Laker  
>EX Vandenberg AFB Space Shuttle  
>Engineer KOVR-TV  
>www.kovr13.com  
>  
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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 16:26:41 EST  
From: Nv4t@aol.com  
To: mmorrow@companet.net, qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [59218] Re: the bright side of restructuring  
Message-ID: <0.c9c8b9c0.259e7991@aol.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Y'all know, at least a few of you make sense- THOSE WHO SAY ELMERING THE NEWBIES!!!!!! I still keep in touch with my "Elmer" 40 years later, W3SN in Erie, Pa who still checks into the cw net in PA- He's still active in his 90's! I think I would have given up radio long ago if not for the great start he gave me.

73 and happy y2k,

Bill NV4T

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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 16:34:14 EST  
From: JFStrain@aol.com  
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [59219] Re: 2 Cents...[long]  
Message-ID: <0.c8bc66b2.259e7b56@aol.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I did not learn of the restructuring until about an hour or so ago when I checked my e-mail for the first time since yesterday afternoon just (as it appears) before the word got out. Having read all the comments to this point, I cannot help but think there are some out there for whom the only desired requirement for an amateur license would be demonstrated ability to produce a minute of solid copy of code groups at 30WPM and all others should go unlicensed. That, of course, makes little sense. If there is nothing to be said for using code than that it acts to weed out undesirable operators, then there is very little to be said for it at all. But those who use code know that it offers a unique and very satisfying mode of communication unequalled by other modes. If we find it fun to use morse code, then we ought to continue to promote its use and encourage others to do likewise. It is true that code becomes more useful as a way to converse if the speed is faster, and this alone should be reason to work at increasing one's code speed -- not just to upgrade and be able to appear superior to those who have

not been able to reach any higher level as yet. If certification of code speed is what one seeks, there are the qualifying runs over W1AW, not to mention the really high speed recognition available by some of the European radio groups to whom 40WPM is hardly worth more than honorable mention.

I guess my point is that if we like CW, let's show it and actually get more folks to try it -- even if they cannot use a very high speed to begin with. It would be the rare person who learned code at 13WPM, but those who can copy at much higher speeds once were there, so there is more reason to encourage the use of CW by slower operators than to disparage those who have not found it fun (for whatever reason) or choose some other mode. Let us not forget there is also the technical part of the requirements, and nothing seems to indicate that the National Conference of VECs Question Pool Committee is being urged by the FCC to simplify anything. We can always urge the committee members to make the testing more difficult, if constructive suggestions can be made to that end. Perhaps it would be best to make the test equal to what is expected of a graduate electrical engineer, or at least require essay answers to theoretical questions in the exams, with schematic diagrams to boot. But the main thing is that there will be no more pride in having an amateur radio licence than we who have those licenses are willing to give it. I still view it as an accomplishment no matter what the CW speed requirement, and I am not about to turn in my license and quit the hobby just because there is no longer a class of license being issued with a 20WPM code speed requirement.

Sorry to be long-winded, but I had to throw in my 2 cents worth!

72/73,  
John W9MIU  
QRP-L 1088    QRP-ARCI 8173  
Zombie 250    ARS 571  
10-10 71063

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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 16:48:52 -0500  
From: "Glen Torr" <glentorr@ozemail.com.au>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [59220] Happy New Year  
Message-ID: <001a01bf53d8\$b0f5bfc0\$1ac06ccb@hugo>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
          charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Howdy All,

A very good NY to all the great folk on QRP-L, the clock ticked over 8.75

hours ago here and the only real problem here is the hangover and the trouble I am in for making a fool of myself about 9 hours ago :-).

Cheers

Glen VK1FB

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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 16:53:16 EST  
From: AA3BP@aol.com  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [59221] AOL filter question  
Message-ID: <0.4c340dc0.259e7fcc@aol.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I see a lot of references to subject line "filters". I'm using AOL 5.0. Can anyone give me a hint as to how I can establish such a filter. With the restructuring debate raging, it is time to do something. Thanks for any help!

Happy Y2K to all!

Jim, AA3BP

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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 17:01:33 EST  
From: Wa3ptg@aol.com  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [59222] HB: Manhattan Style  
Message-ID: <0.8408d51d.259e81bd@aol.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Getting back to QRP...

Who was the genius who came up with manhattan style?

I'm having a ball with it.

72  
Hap, WA3PTG  
Wilmington DE

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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 14:48:55 -0500  
From: wb2vuo@juno.com  
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [59223] The End of Incentive Licensing!  
Message-ID: <19991231.144857.-3195833.0.wb2vuo@juno.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

For those of you NOT around in the hobby in 1968, that was the year that Ham Radio died at the hands of the ARRL. Incentive Licensing went into effect that year, taking large chunks of the bands away from those who had toiled to achieve their General tickets, and gave it, in a totally elitist move to Advanced and Extras.

Anyway, that's the way it was presented, mostly on 75 Meters and in the pages of "73, Survivalist Amateur Radio" (or something like that...)

It's funny. The ARRL was blamed for "Incentive" Licensing, blasted for it in fact, but the program the FCC passed and implemented had almost none of the salient points that the League had requested in their Requests for Rulemaking. But it was the ARRL's fault (really it was...)

Now the FCC has rescinded most of their 1968 changes, simplified the license structure, streamlined the testing but has NOT given the band segments for Advanced/Extra back to the Generals, but not much has been mentioned about that. The present restructuring is all about "growth" and Incentive Licensing was all about "growth" and it took a decade to really change things then and will take at least a decade to change anything now.

Do you really think that anyone getting an upgrade to General, going out on the bands to work CW will stay at 5 WPM? The quickest way to raise one's code speed is to WORK someone, not use a code machine/computer/tapes or whatever.

Stop whining and get your new Generals on the bands after 15 April '00. Make your Field Day plans >>NOW<< and make the CW station a focal point for the newbies!

Do something or keep quiet. My teenager already whines enough...

72/73, Keith, WB2VUO, 100% QRP from the Depths of the Great Bergen Swamp  
FD'00 Chair/Brockport Amateur Radio Klub  
My night light runs more power than my Rig!!!

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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 14:31:19 -0800  
From: "Kory Hamzeh" <kory@avatar.com>  
To: <wb2vuo@juno.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [59224] RE: The End of Incentive Licensing!  
Message-ID: <000701bf53de\$c2541a40\$14ce21c7@tomcat.avatar.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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> FD'00 Chair/Brockport Amateur Radio Klub  
> My night light runs more power than my Rig!!!

Ah, a voice of reason. Thank you Keith & 73.

Kory  
AC6RN

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Date: Thu, 30 Dec 1999 23:39:25 EST  
From: kc8aon@juno.com  
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [59225] Use it or lose it !  
Message-ID: <19991231.173923.4399.1.kc8aon@juno.com>

Folks, the only way we'll lose our precious CW subbands is if we let them take it ! The other night, don't remember which night it was, I called CQ for about half an hour on the low end of 40 with no takers ! Finally gave up and went to bed early ! Ever heard the expression "there's safety in numbers" ? Well, come on and get the ball rolling before it's too late. Everyone turn their rig on whenever you have time and make at least 3 contacts before giving up. Lets flood the CW portions with CW ! Take the hill & plant the flag boys - that's what it's all about ! Let them know beyond a shadow of a doubt that we wont give up without a fight !

Long live CW ! They will only get my J-38 when they pry my cold dead fingers from around it !

73.....KC8AON

Rick McKee

Willow Wood, Ohio <><

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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 17:48:53 -0500

From: Fred DeVries <fred.devries@mindspring.com>

To: dbullard@negia.net, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [59226] Re: Express yourself without profanity please!

Message-ID: <3.0.5.32.19991231174853.00870740@mindspring.com>

Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Thanks, Don.

Fred KC8MMS

At 02:06 PM 12/31/99 -0500, D Bullard wrote:

>I have been on the QRP list continuously since October 1994.

>It doesn't bother me to hear opinions that differ from mine.

>When one of the hot topics pops up for the umpteenth time

>about code/ nocode or now, the latest discussion of the FCC's

>new changes, I just bite my tongue. We all have an opinion

>on these topics.

>

>I'm not god and I'm not the QRP list police. I'm just a member

>of this fine group. I do, however, take exception to those who

>can't express an opinion without using profanity. You can hardly

>go to a fast food place or grocery store without hearing somebody

>spouting a bunch of filth without regard to the rights of others.

>If you want to use profanity around your wife and kids, that's your

>business. Please respect my rights and those of my wife and kids

>who may read this list.

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>

>I wish Chuck had not quit his oversight of the QRP list.

>Hopefully we can 'police' ourselves. By and large we seem to

>have been doing a pretty good job.

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>73,

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>Don WA4IML

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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 17:56:03 -0500

From: "J. Ervin Bates" <w8erv@email.msn.com>

To: "Mike" <mmorrow@companet.net>

Cc: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>

Subject: [59227] Re: the bright side of restructuring

Message-ID: <003901bf53e2\$3799bdc0\$3127113f@win98>

"J. Ervin Bates wrote:

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I'm writing my congressmen this weekend.

Best regards,

Mike / KK5F"

Ok, Mike, we can do this ON-list, if you want. Keep in mind that I did this privately, to avoid further argument, but this is fine.

What I am talking about is the nasty, bitter, backbiting, whiny, take-my-toys-and-go-home, "sky is falling" approach I am seeing by many of the people I have held in high regard (since joining qrp-1), in this discussion of the Restructuring.

Most of them don't realize, or just plain don't care, that the attitude they are projecting to the masses out here is COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE! I am sick to death at the news that the bar is lowered to the degree it is, but I choose to make the best of it, working with my friends who are interested in earning their upgrade----before OR after the change. I don't care when or how they do it. At least then, I can look at myself in the mirror and say

that I did what my Elmer did for me.

Some of the members of Amateur Radio, in general and this list, in particular have forgotten what their Elmers did for them. If you can't heal the wound (right now), why kill the patient? You can make a difference if you try....if you care.

I strongly oppose the notion that our beloved hobby is going to be little more than a bunch of CBers, but you didn't quote me on your reply, did you? How dare ANY of us stand in judgement of others, not knowing what input they (the newbies) may bring....what technological advances may come as a direct result of this and what friends we may never get to meet because we are too doggone stuck up to welcome them and ELMER them properly.

As has already been stated, take a trip to 80 meters some night and see what the "best" of this hobby has to offer. I can't even have my daughters in the room, at times.....what say ye to that? It makes ME sick. I thought this was a "Gentleman's Hobby".

We ought to put this to rest and get back to QRP discussion. I recall that, once upon a time, this list was fun, educational and entertaining. I attended my first FIDM two years ago and met many of the gang that I read from now....and I enjoyed it. Oh, by the way, I was (at that time) a snot-nosed no-coder with no intention of upgrading. It was my Elmer who introduced me to this end of the hobby and I am thankful, but not with all the nastiness.

As for treating the newbies poorly, I will restate my position. It would be to the peril of EVERY licensed Amateur out here and on the air. You would see one heck of a split and bitterness between the factions. Before long, your doomsayers would be right, Mike. You would be fighting for your frequencies.....what a nasty mess we can avoid, simply by being civil!!!!!!!

72/73/back off the soapbox,  
Erv W8ERV

Flamesuit on and zipped!

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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 18:02:02 -0500  
From: "Robert Roach" <ke4qok@worldnet.att.net>  
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>, "Knightlights" <klqrp@waterw.com>,  
<glowbugs@piobaire.mines.uidaho.edu>  
Subject: [59228] A thought for the new millinium (whenever it starts)



Message-ID: <002d01bf53e3\$0f36e280\$77a26520@ke4qok>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
    charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hello everyone,

I thought that I would make my one and only, first and final comment concerning the new licensing structuring. If you receive this more than once please accept my apologies as I plan to post it several places.

There is only one thing that will make the hobby what it should be and it has nothing to do with testing of an type. What makes the difference is having a good example to follow and accepting nothing less that the very best standard.

Every time we pick up the mike we must follow the rules to the letter. In addition we must follow accepted protocol and extend everyone every courtesy at all times.

When we encounter someone who does not follow this philosophy we should point them in the right direction in a very courteous manner taking great pains to avoid offending them. If they don't make an effort to improve then don't talk to them, at all, period. This hobby just does not work if nobody will talk to you.

Also, be certain to recognize those who are making an effort because someone who is making an effort can and should be forgiven much.

These are the things that have always made amateur radio a great and admirable calling and the lack of adherence to these basic principles is what has eroded our image to its current state. Nobody else did this to us, we did it to ourselves.

May you all have a happy and prosperous New Year!!!

Bob  
KE4QOK

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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 18:08:02 EST  
From: Shephed@aol.com  
To: fists@qth.net, qrp-1@lehigh.edu

Subject: [59229] Happy Y2K  
Message-ID: <0.1feab6bd.259e9152@aol.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Happy Y2K to all my fellow Hams, Extras and Techs alike.

Remember, our hobby will survive as long as we let it.  
Nuff said, now it's Miller time!

72, 73  
Dan, N8IE  
FISTS #4985, QRP-1 #1404, FPqrp #-6, Zombie #667.

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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 17:05:46 -0600  
From: Mike <mmorrow@companet.net>  
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [59230] Re: the bright side of restructuring  
Message-ID: <386D36CA.1C13@companet.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Erv wrote:

> Ok, Mike, we can do this ON-list, if you want. Keep in mind that I  
> did this > privately, to avoid further argument, but this is fine.

My apologies to you, Erv, and the list for responding ON LIST to Erv's  
earlier private post to me. I did not realize that it hadn't come from  
the listserver until now. A major breach of polite list behavior, I'll  
admit, but unintentional.

Best regards,  
Mike / KK5F

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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 16:24:01 -0700 (MST)  
From: "Paul Harden, NA5N" <na5n@rt66.com>  
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [59231] Restructured Y2K Solar Report  
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.4.10.9912311559200.18177-100000@shell.rt66.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Gang,

First, Happy Y2K to all. May you enjoy your family and friends.

The sun continues to be very quiet, which is good in that no flares means fairly good conditions. We are heading into the 28-day solar flux minimum, with the flux now only at 130, or the lowest it has been in some time. This will be a strain to support 10M propagation, but the other bands will be OK.

Straight Key Night (SKN) is tonight, which means 20M, 40M and 80M primarily. 20M will be "soft" with the low solar flux. 40M and 80M will be a bit noisy due to the effects of a coronal hole, but nothing severe. You should be able to enjoy all three of those bands tonight. (The MUF could approach 20M late this evening, shutting it down or making for weak signals and high QSB).

So if you have a chance, get on the air. There's always some interesting fellows on the air for SKN and the holiday. Note you can operate the band of your choice this weekend, the mode of your choice, when you want, where you want and the bands will sound as they always do (+/- QRM and QRN) ... even with the restructuring thing. No difference I can think of. The sun will always make more profound changes to the bands than most anything else -hi.

Happy Y2K to all (that's K2Y to those with dyslexia)

72, Paul NA5N

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> JOINT USAF/NOAA REPORT OF SOLAR AND GEOPHYSICAL ACTIVITY  
> SDF NUMBER 365 ISSUED AT 2200Z ON 31 DEC 1999  
> IB. SOLAR ACTIVITY FORECAST: SOLAR ACTIVITY IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN  
> AT LOW LEVELS. ISOLATED LOW LEVEL C-CLASS FLARES ARE LIKELY.  
  
> IIA. GEOPHYSICAL ACTIVITY SUMMARY FROM 30/2100Z TO 31/2100Z:  
> THE GEOMAGNETIC FIELD WAS UNSETTLED TO ACTIVE. EFFECTS FROM A  
> CORONAL HOLE, HIGH SPEED SOLAR WIND STREAM THAT BEGAN YESTERDAY,  
> CONTINUED TODAY.  
  
> IIB. GEOPHYSICAL ACTIVITY FORECAST: THE GEOMAGNETIC FIELD WILL  
> CONTINUE AT UNSETTLED TO ACTIVE LEVELS. A LARGE, GEOEFFECTIVELY  
> POSITIONED CORONAL HOLE WILL PROLONG THE CURRENT DISTURBANCE THROUGH  
> DAY THREE.

> IV. PENTICTON 10.7 CM FLUX  
> OBSERVED 31 DEC 130 <----- Kinda low :-(  
> PREDICTED 01 JAN-03 JAN 130/130/130  
> 90 DAY MEAN 31 DEC 176  
  
> V. GEOMAGNETIC A INDICES  
> OBSERVED AFR/AP 30 DEC 007/008  
> ESTIMATED AFR/AP 31 DEC 020/021  
> PREDICTED AFR/AP 01 JAN-03 JAN 020/025-020/025-015/018

An A-index in the low 20's is "active" conditions, meaning a little extra noise on the lower bands, but not the bursty, static crashes associated with a minor to major storm.

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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 16:30:37 -0700  
From: Bruce Toback <btoback@optc.com>  
To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [59232] Restructuring -- one odd thing  
Message-ID: <200001010047.RAA21634@landru.optc.com>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"

My only comment on the restructuring (at least the only one that hasn't been made before) is that I'm sorry to see the Novice license go. Yes, there were only a few thousand issued per year, but it provided an entry point for kids too young to be able to do the math and theory required for the General/Tech written. The Novice written covered just the regulations, safety, and very basic radio operation; most kids don't have a problem with the 5wpm code requirement. I should think that the benefits of having the Novice class outweigh the small administrative cost.

I'm going to have to get my 9-year-old off to an exam before April 15 :-).

-- Bruce

PS. I know that he could just memorize the questions, but I'd kind of like him to gain some understanding along the way.

- B

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Bruce Toback      Tel: (602) 996-8601 | My candle burns at both ends;  
OPT, Inc.                      (800) 858-4507 | It will not last the night;  
11801 N. Tatum Blvd. Ste. 142      | But ah, my foes, and oh, my friends -  
Phoenix AZ 85028                      | It gives a lovely light.  
btoback@optc.com                      |        -- Edna St. Vincent Millay

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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 18:30:24 -0500  
From: "J. Ervin Bates" <w8erv@email.msn.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [59233] 1st Y2K Contact  
Message-ID: <008501bf53e7\$037ae640\$3127113f@win98>

Following the advice and suggestion of one of my fellow list lurkers, I have designed a certificate for my 1st contact of the the new year. I will celebrate this at 0000z with one, then again after midnight local time.

No charge for it, only a 9x12 SASE and your QSL. I plan to lurk in the 20m band, looking especially hard for QRP stations! :-) 14.027 area, calling CQ, shortly after the turn at about 15 wpm or so (been a couple days since I used the paddles).

Best of luck es 72,  
Erv W8ERV

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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 17:50:18 -0600  
From: Dick Carroll <dixie@townsqsr.com>  
To: qrp@email.com  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [59234] Re: Hobby of Shame Response  
Message-ID: <386D413A.28A14E23@townsqsr.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

QRP wrote:

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> I've received a lot of private response on this dumbing down business - I'm in the digest mode so I won't know until this evening if there are a bunch of other replies as well.

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> What has surprised me about the responses I've received is how eager people are to accept everything they're told to do. We've become so accustomed to accepting corporate control, environmental damage, and government stupidity that we label those who speak up as "Whiners." Although there's a lot of comfort and security in aligning our philosophies  
> with the dominant paradigm we are losing everything that is of meaning. In a few years all that will be left will be shopping malls, some football games, and a bunch of CBers...  
>  
> Roger J. Wendell  
> WBOJNR

Sad as it is to contemplate, I believe you've got it right.

Dick WOEX

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Date: Fri, 31 Dec 1999 18:52:42 -0500  
From: Joseph Trombino Jr <joebarb@wilmington.net>  
To: majewski@erim-int.com  
Cc: QRP-L@LEHIGH.EDU  
Subject: [59235] Re: Happiness is ...  
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At 04:02 PM 12/31/99 -0500, you wrote:

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>Hi All-  
>  
>Great things often come in small packages, and today I have proof of that.  
>  
>The letter carrier brought me a QSL card from Nebraska for a QRP CW contact  
>made two years ago. This completes my 40m QRP WAS. Hooray!  
>  
>It took four years to do it but it was great fun. My thanks go out to  
>the fifty operators that helped me achieve this goal. Some of you are  
>on this list.  
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>  
>I'm happy dancing here in Michigan tonight. :)  
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Congratulations Ron: QRP WAS is a fun thing to chase and finally get.

I have QRP WAS and my next goal is to work 2-way QRP WAS...wonder how long

that will take:-)

72, Joe W2KJ (North CArolina)

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